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The Brooklyn Public Library presents information concerning its organization, goals, expenditures, utilization, services, special programs, and holdings each year in an annual report to the Mayor and City Council of New York. This collection of five reports covers the activities of the library in the fiscal years beginning in 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, and 1976. (JVP)

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Honorable John V. Lindsay, Mayor, and the Honorable Board of Estimate and City Council

Gentlemen:

This seventy-fifth Annual Report of the Brooklyn Public Library provides an occasion to reflect on the constancy and perseverance of an American ideal: the high value of education and learning as a requirement for personal satisfaction and responsible citizenship. The durability of the public library, in no small part, is connected to this ideal because the provision of information, pro and con, on all topics, to all ages and conditions of Americans, is basic to the survival of freedom and a democratic society.

The public library is the instrument for a child's earliest exposure to the world of education outside the home. It remains the vehicle for life-long learning and improvement.

For twenty years it has been my privilege to serve on the Board of the Brooklyn Public Library, and I have witnessed the growth and change in Brooklyn for a good portion of the seventy-five years of the Library's existence. In reviewing the annual reports of past years, I am struck by the ever-repeating similarities of the Library's concerns.

There have been recurrent times of economic instability, of burgeoning growth, of peaks in use. The story of almost forty years of anticipation of a central library is familiar to many who will read this report. In many ways, the Library's record reflects the major influences of the century and especially those urban shifts which have created a new Brooklyn.

The record of achievement rests on the dedication of noteworthy citizens who have served on the Board of Trustees. For thirty-three years David A. Boody guided the development and helped establish the concept of a modern library system. Henry Davenport, President of the Library for fourteen years, and Harold J. Baily, whose services totalled twenty-three years, gave quality to the concept of free service to all and dignity to the nonpartisan character of the Library. The diligence and presence in recent years of Trustees Harriet Righter, Charles Mylod and Dean Henry Middendorf have continued these high ideals.

The unselfish efforts of thousands of staff members through the years have built a service institution recognized throughout the country as an example of responsible leadership in its community. The Board pays tribute to the contributions of these many people.

The swearing-in of seven new Trustees in June 1973 again brings the Board to a nearly full complement of members. It is gratifying to welcome to the Board these able people whose names are noted in this report, and to extend to them the challenge of assisting in the continuous growth and development of the Library.

We reluctantly accepted the termination of trusteeship of Denis M. Hurley, past President with seventeen years of service; Joseph Resnick, Treasurer for three years and twenty years a member; Paul Kerrigan, Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman, Dr. B. J. Lowry, Henry Saltzman, Celia Vice, H. Elliot Wales and Edward R. Welles. The Library is greatly indebted to these Trustees who faithfully executed their responsibilities.

We are pleased to note that our elected representatives at all levels of government took decisive steps for the Library's support and program during this year. The increase in the State Aid program and a temporary but encouraging move to continue Federal funding, both had the strong endorsement of these representatives. That there was such a strong combined effort by so many makes it impossible to note individually any single ally in this report.

The assistance in the legislative sphere of the Brooklyn Library Council and many individual citizens is also acknowledged with gratitude.

During the year the first Art Books for Children Citations were granted under the joint sponsorship of The Brooklyn Museum and the Library. This program has a national potential for encouraging creation of high quality children's books.

The Citizens' Urban Information Center program, forward-looking example of the vitality of the Library, is described in the Director's report.

Unfortunately, we are still not receiving adequate funds from the City for the library program Brooklyn's people need. Despite our best efforts, we have not been able to staff with a sufficient number of people to provide a continuing high quality of service. Again, we plead for increased funds to help alleviate this problem.

Finally, I must note my appreciation of the untiring, dedicated work of the Library staff, in combination with those members of the Board who unselfishly brought another year of both frustration and accomplishment to a close.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Sam Unger

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

This seventy-fifth Annual Report of the Director of the Brooklyn Public Library turns out, unexpectedly, to have a significant unifying theme. In the process of recalling and evaluating events of the past year, cooperation is the central element in many of our continuing and new activities. It is gratifying to recount these cooperative ventures since they help identify the effectiveness of the library system in working with the people of Brooklyn in their community roles and in support of their private and group concerns.

The literally thousands of cooperative activities inside and outside the system libraries, represent the commitment of staff to a wide variety of community interests. Whether with an informal group or with a neighborhood or borough-wide organization, the Library functions to assist in planning and executing, providing materials, service and expertise to such diverse activities as block association parties, the Bay Ridge Ragamuffin Parade, community street fairs, Prospects for Prisons activities, drug rehabilitation programs, projects of the Brooklyn Arts and Culture Association, and training center programs.

All of these cooperative activities are over-matched in total number by the film showings, children's programs, discussion groups, hobby and craft classes and many other programs sponsored by the Library. These activities, taken together, constitute an essential service parallel to the reference and loan functions. That the program activities continue in large numbers in these years of a restricted personnel complement is evidence of the dedication of a highly productive and skilled staff.

On March 7, 1973 Mayor John V. Lindsay, in the lobby of the Ingersoll Library, announced approval of a Borough-wide Citizens' Urban Information Center (CUIC) program designed as a coordinated service link to information on governmental activities and programs of all kinds. CUIC will utilize a centrally assembled data bank with input from each Brooklyn neighborhood. Each agency of the Brooklyn Public Library will be the local service point, staffed by specially trained area residents.

The program is in no small part due to the continuing support of Deputy Mayor Edward A. Morrison who believes CUIC will vastly improve the quality of living in New York City. The overwhelming support by the Board of Estimate is further impetus to CUIC's success.

The need for information on programs which affect the lives of Brooklyn residents has never been greater. Efforts have been made by almost every City department and agency to provide data on programs under their supervision, and, as useful as this has been, it has not been enough.

Originally conceived as a City-wide program to operate in all city public libraries, it is our hope that CUIC will prove to be an essential component of city life and be extended to the other boroughs.

CUIC is a cooperative project for which the prime contractor is the Administration and Management Research Association of New York City, Inc. The library system and AMRA will jointly supervise the program.

As of August 1, 1973, CUIC was in the start-up phase with establishment procedures being initiated by AMRA. It is anticipated that CUIC may be operational in the Spring of 1974.

The concept of CUIC and its implementation through public library outlets is a unique approach which will be of nationwide interest and will challenge both our imagination and our ability to utilize fully the resources we regu-

larly handle. CUIC has in it an opportunity to give a new meaning as well as a new capacity to deliver on our major objective of providing reliable information to all citizens regardless of their status in life.

Sensing a need for attention to children's abilities to develop their non-verbal perceptual skills, the Library and The Brooklyn Museum established the Brooklyn Art Books for Children Citations, recognizing currently available books considered works of both art and literature. Selections were made by experienced professional staff of both institutions after examining thousands of children's books.

The first annual Citations were awarded at an announcement ceremony at the Museum in September and an annotated brochure was made widely available through Brooklyn. The books are available in all library agencies and are stocked in the Museum book store. The second annual awards will be made in September of 1973.

The cooperative venture is a concrete example of a steadily growing inter-relationship of the Museum's and Library's professional and program activities, a development we welcome and appreciate.

Library kiosks were opened in East Flatbush in April, 1973 as a result of a cooperative program with the East Flatbush Neighborhood Action Program. The 5' x 8' kiosks, installed on the sidewalk at two busy traffic points, and stocked mainly with paperback books, provide a new exposure for the Library and serve as a contact with branch library service in the neighborhood.

In the first months of operation, the kiosks have contacted hundreds of non-library users and loaned thousands of books. We are gratified by the positive response to this novel service.

The federally-supported Community Coordinator and Pre-School Storytelling programs were threatened with extinction as a result of the Administration's proposed zero funding of the Library Services and Construction Act. Operating in areas of Brooklyn where education and income levels are well below the city median, these creative, nationally-acclaimed programs deliver an educational service outside the library walls which makes hundreds of thousands of contacts annually.

In the closing days of the 1973 fiscal year, the enactment of a continuing resolution and passage by the House of Representatives of an appropriation for LSCA for 1973-74, seemed to have assured a "half-life" for these activities into the coming year, which may become a whole life if the Senate, in agreement with the House, sustains the appropriation.

The Library acknowledges with gratitude the strong efforts of Brooklyn's delegation in support of the federal public library program during the past year.

On the Albany front, the first increase in state aid to the public library systems since 1966 was achieved due in large part to the concerted bi-partisan efforts of Brooklyn's delegation. The action of State government approving this modest program was heartening in view of the federal threat and in the continuing erosion of the base of financial support provided by the City.

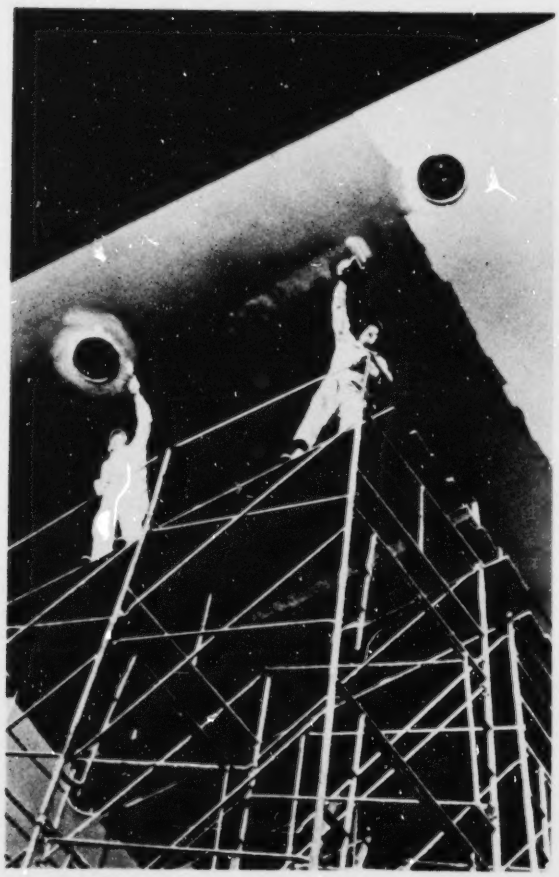
In the past three years, the Library's services have suffered an accretion of reductions, all of them small in relation to the total, but increasingly visible to the Library's users. For the first time during this crisis, the

Library was forced this year to curtail hours of service in over one-third of its libraries by four hours per week. The forecast for 1973-74 does not promise any improvement, and may even see a further erosion.

After a year of moratorium, the City's capital program was reactivated with a vengeance. Rehabilitation of five of our oldest buildings was started, a new record. Finding of temporary quarters for these libraries and attendant relocation problems have caused regrettable inconvenience to these five communities. The long view looks positively at the prospect of greatly improved, air-conditioned quarters for the Carroll Gardens, DeKalb, Macon, Pacific and Williamsburgh libraries.

Indeed, the rewards of rehabilitation are daily becoming more evident at the Ingersoll Library, where the extensive renovation and expansion project which started in August of 1969, is nearly completed.

New facilities were opened during the year for the Greenpoint Library, and early in the 1973-74 year, service began in a new library in Jamaica Bay, a previously unserved area of the borough.



The retirements of Avis Gregory Zebker, Coordinator of Acquisitions, and Marjorie Holt, Director of Reference and Research, are noted with the knowledge that their contributions to the Library were unique and of enduring worth.

The challenge of seventy-five years of growth and adjustment has produced a resilient and adaptable Brooklyn Public Library. Surely the administration and staff of the earliest years could not have envisioned the extent of the Library operation of 1973 any more than it could have predicted the demographic or physical growth of the Borough.

In reading the annual reports of the system's past directors, one is struck by the thread of enthusiastic belief in the necessity of free access to books and information which runs throughout. This constant is no less strong in the belief of the current administration that reliable information and easy access to it remains a cornerstone of the American social order.

The concept of a free public library is so thoroughly accepted in the United States that it is taken for granted. In this condition lies both the assurance of survival and the threat of becoming a totem.

We are committed to providing to all the opportunity to learn and the materials which can assist this process. In the next seventy-five years we will surely witness a further expansion in the generating of information and a refinement in our capability to handle it, perhaps with yet undreamed of techniques and tools, perhaps with institutions not yet devised.

No matter what the shape of the world of the year 2048, it can hardly fail to continue to use the print medium, it will surely have needs for information, it will undoubtedly require information handlers, and, despite electronic wonders, it will still require storage and retrieval facilities. If these assumptions are reliable, we will still have libraries and surely the core of today's service and collections will be one essential ingredient of tomorrow's institution.

Kenneth F. Duchac

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* Appointed June 26, 1973.

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1580 Rockaway Parkway near Avenue J (11236)
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1901 Mermaid Ave. at West 19th St. (11224)
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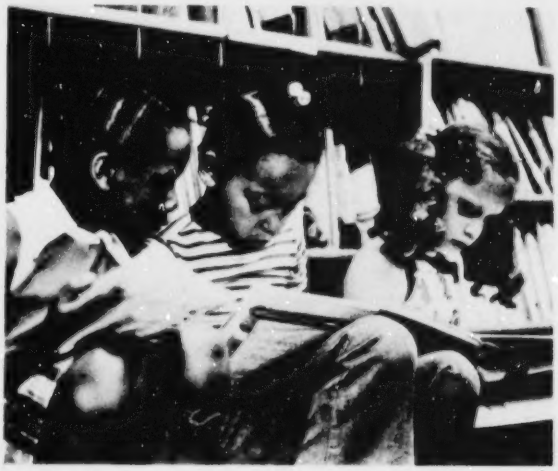

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Bay Ridge District Library 748-3042
7223 Ridge Blvd. at 73rd St. (11209)
Carol Wadsworth

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9424 Fourth Avenue at 95th St. (11209)
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McKinley Park 748-5800
6802 Fort Hamilton Parkway at 68th St. (11219)
Anna Balem

Sunset Park 439-8846
5108 Fourth Ave. at 51st St. (11220)
Aggi Gundersen

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DeKalb District Library (Temporary quarters) 452-5678
1004 Broadway at Willoughby Ave. (11221)
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374 Lewis Ave. at Macon St. (11233)
Vivian Henderson

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8 Hopkinson Ave. at Macon St. (11233)
Douglas James

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Ergus Alleyne

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New Lots District Library 649-3700
665 New Lots Ave. at Barbey St. (11207)
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61 Glenmore Ave. at Watkins St. (11212)
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Cypress Hills 277-8257
465 Fountain Ave. near Hegeman Ave. (11208)
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New Utrecht District Library 236-4086
1743 86th St. at Bay 17th St. (11214)
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Peter Drago

Pacific (Temporary quarters) 858-8075
YWCA, 30 Third Ave. at Atlantic Ave. (11217)
Sonja Davis

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Elsie Nunez (Acting)

Windsor Terrace 853-7265
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Greenpoint 383-6692
107 Norman Ave. at Leonard St. (11222)
Marie Ciervo

Leonard 387-3800
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Hester Olsen

Marcy 858-1828
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Robert Lewis

Walt Whitman 855-1508
93 St. Edwards St. at Auburn Pl. (11205)
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Red Hook-Cobble Hill Area 768-1240
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Although the Brooklyn Public Library is supported chiefly by tax funds, it welcomes gifts or bequests from those interested in supporting its work. Under the Revenue Act of 1964 the deduction for charitable contributions was liberalized in regard to gifts to libraries.

A gift of money may be made in the following words: "I give and bequeath to the Brooklyn Public Library the sum of . . . . . dollars."

If the gift is of personal property other than money, the bequest may read as follows: "I give and bequeath to the Brooklyn Public Library (here describe the property) . . . . . "

A gift of real property may be worded in this way: "I give and devise to the Brooklyn Public Library the following described real property (here describe the property) . . . . . "

STATUS OF CAPITAL PROGRAMS

Project	Estimated Cost †	Authorizations as of 1973/74 †	Progress *
Rehabilitations of Existing Buildings			
Ingersoll	$6,685,522	$5,985,522	Construction
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Williamsburgh	334,800	334,800	Construction
DeKalb	313,080	313,080	Construction
Macon	272,200	272,200	Construction
Pacific	382,560	382,560	Construction
Carroll Gardens	365,000	365,000	Construction
Air Conditioning of Branches	1,764,981	1,764,981	Final Planning
Relocations of Existing Buildings			
Mill Basin	670,000	619,500	Construction
Red Hook	686,700	649,700	Construction
Clarendon	770,000	—A—	Site Needed
East Flatbush	1,285,000	5,000 A	Site Approved
New Agencies			
Jamaica Bay	934,000	934,000	Completed**
Dyker	941,000	851,000	Construction
Clinton Hill	736,500	736,500	Construction
Spring Creek	787,600	5,000 A	Final Planning
Coney Island West	757,700	33,700	Site Approved
Dorchester	810,000	—A—	Site Approved

† — Capital Budget, City of New York
* — Based on Department of Public Works reports as of June 30, 1973
** — Opened July 16, 1973
FG — Federal Grant
A — Site and design money included in lump sum appropriation; not reflected in this chart.

New Jamaica Bay Branch Library

STATISTICS July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973

Book Circulation	Total Circulation	Juvenile Circulation	Total Volumes
Ingersoll (a)	629,334	92,033	1,212,706
Arlington	55,446	22,243	19,189
Bay Ridge (b)	230,912	64,749	50,704
Bedford	29,730	16,634	19,843
Borough Park (b)	315,019	128,503	55,695
Borough Park Regional (c)			18,205
Brighton Beach	223,808	56,177	32,340
Brooklyn Heights (b)	219,433	33,391	56,803
Brower Park	32,592	16,916	22,622
Brownsville	34,475	16,969	22,024
Bushwick	65,498	33,905	24,695
Business Library	29,471		89,715
Canarsie	223,258	77,554	34,536
Carroll Gardens (d)	71,131	33,919	26,819
Clarendon	102,935	37,050	22,667
Coney Island	101,299	29,281	24,471
Crown Heights	66,871	27,641	27,057
Cypress Hills	33,620	18,002	10,791
DeKalb (e)	68,879	33,722	25,931
East Flatbush	79,390	37,247	22,523
Eastern Parkway (b)	121,617	55,330	32,810
Flatbush (b)	234,870	47,966	46,013
Flatlands (b)	218,680	83,260	36,123
Fort Hamilton	100,124	25,969	23,179
Gerritsen Beach	22,629	10,828	6,394
Gravesend	102,329	38,551	27,975
Greenpoint (f)	84,005	33,845	29,865
Highlawn	160,912	67,042	27,171
Homecrest	94,700	39,800	26,766
Kensington	134,313	39,216	30,297
Kings Bay (b)	324,655	90,296	55,682
Kings Highway (b)	294,148	73,173	60,236
Kings Highway Regional (c)			19,378
Leonard	45,069	22,360	20,576
Library-on-Wheels I	36,904	25,365	22,819
Library-on-Wheels II	38,144	25,980	
McKinley Park	95,282	39,077	23,381
Macon (g)	23,332	13,189	14,278
Mapleton	202,660	75,325	38,229
Marcy	62,137	38,152	19,040
Midwood (b)	258,232	82,439	44,087
Mill Basin	95,624	40,125	19,585
New Lots (b)	71,639	31,032	39,098
New Utrecht (b)	233,580	76,497	58,301
Pacific (h)	28,777	10,857	13,435
Paerdegat	198,038	80,398	33,977
Prospect (b)	136,495	49,282	48,942
Red Hook	28,027	13,692	9,028
Rugby (b)	144,976	54,255	27,619
Ryder	114,178	51,915	20,095
Saratoga	45,173	29,039	9,985
Sheepshead Bay	162,829	41,709	31,252
Stone Avenue	48,642	26,549	19,021
Sunset Park	154,675	79,202	28,066
Ulmer Park (i)	72,694	31,500	20,129
Walt Whitman	37,498	19,185	15,283
Washington Irving	48,225	28,972	14,673
Williamsburgh (b/j)	121,585	39,414	49,569
Williamsburgh Regional (c)			23,777
Windsor Terrace	91,838	33,879	21,263
Total Book	**7,102,336**	**2,440,601**	**2,926,733**

Non-Book Circulation	Total Circulation	Total Stock
Films and Film Strips	20,692 (k)	1,641
Folders	20,599	59,076
Framed Pictures	438	390
Microcards (Ingersoll)		90,657
Microcards (Business Library)		32,960
Microfiche (Ingersoll)		10,185
Microfiche (Business Library)		15,774
Microfilms (Ingersoll)		22,246
Microfilms (Business Library)		7,914
Microprints (Ingersoll)		325,898
Microprints (Business Library)		32,269
Phonograph Records:		
Bay Ridge	480	162
Borough Park	9,528	3,554
Fort Hamilton	163	142
Ingersoll	29,550	15,906
McKinley Park	129	64
WNYC Collection		25,558
Record Text (Ingersoll)	908	1,171
Total Non-Book	**82,487**	**645,567**

Summary	1972/73	1971/72	%Change
Total Circulation	**7,184,823**	**7,645,423**	**– 6.0**
Adult Circulation	4,744,222	5,118,194	– 7.3
Juvenile Circulation	2,440,601	2,527,229	– 3.4
Book Stock	2,926,733	2,957,384	– 1.0
Non-Book Stock	645,567	597,714	+ 8.0
Reference Inquiries			
Adult	1,451,075	1,329,752	+ 9.1
Juvenile	474,572	477,546	– 0.6
Total	**1,925,647**	**1,807,298**	**+ 6.5**
Registered Borrowers			
Adult	442,735	443,575	– 0.2
Juvenile	199,247	218,191	– 8.7
Total	**641,982**	**661,766**	**– 3.0**

(a) Bookstock includes Administration and Cataloging Department.
(b) Reference Centers.
(c) Bookstock not circulated directly; serves as supplementary collection for branches.
(d) Name changed from Carroll Park. Closed June 18, 1973 for rehabilitation; to re-open in temporary quarters in October, 1973.
(e) Closed May 19, 1973 for rehabilitation; re-opened in temporary quarters June 25, 1973.
(f) Temporary quarters closed Nov. 3, 1972; re-opened in new building Dec. 20, 1972.
(g) Closed July 20, 1973 for rehabilitation; re-opened in temporary quarters Sept. 4, 1973.
(h) Closed Feb. 4, 1972 for rehabilitation; re-opened in temporary quarters July 17, 1972.
(i) Closed Jan. 15 to May 14, 1973, fire.
(j) Closed June 11, 1973 for rehabilitation; re-opened in temporary quarters July 18, 1973.
(k) Public use of films: 14,320 showings, 290,797 attendance; library use of films: 8,791 showings, 292,049 attendance.

All agencies closed Dec. 28, 1972 at 1 p.m. in observance of death of former President Harry S. Truman, and Jan. 25, 1973 at 1 p.m. in observance of death of former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Because of extreme heat and humidity the library lost 1908:45 hours of service in July 1972, 500:25 hours in August 1972; 67:45 hours in September 1972 and 282:45 hours in June 1973. An additional 70 hours were lost during July 1972 due to brownouts and power failures. Lack of heat, mechanical and equipment failures, staff shortages and other emergencies at library units during the year resulted in the loss of a total of 111 additional days of service throughout the system.

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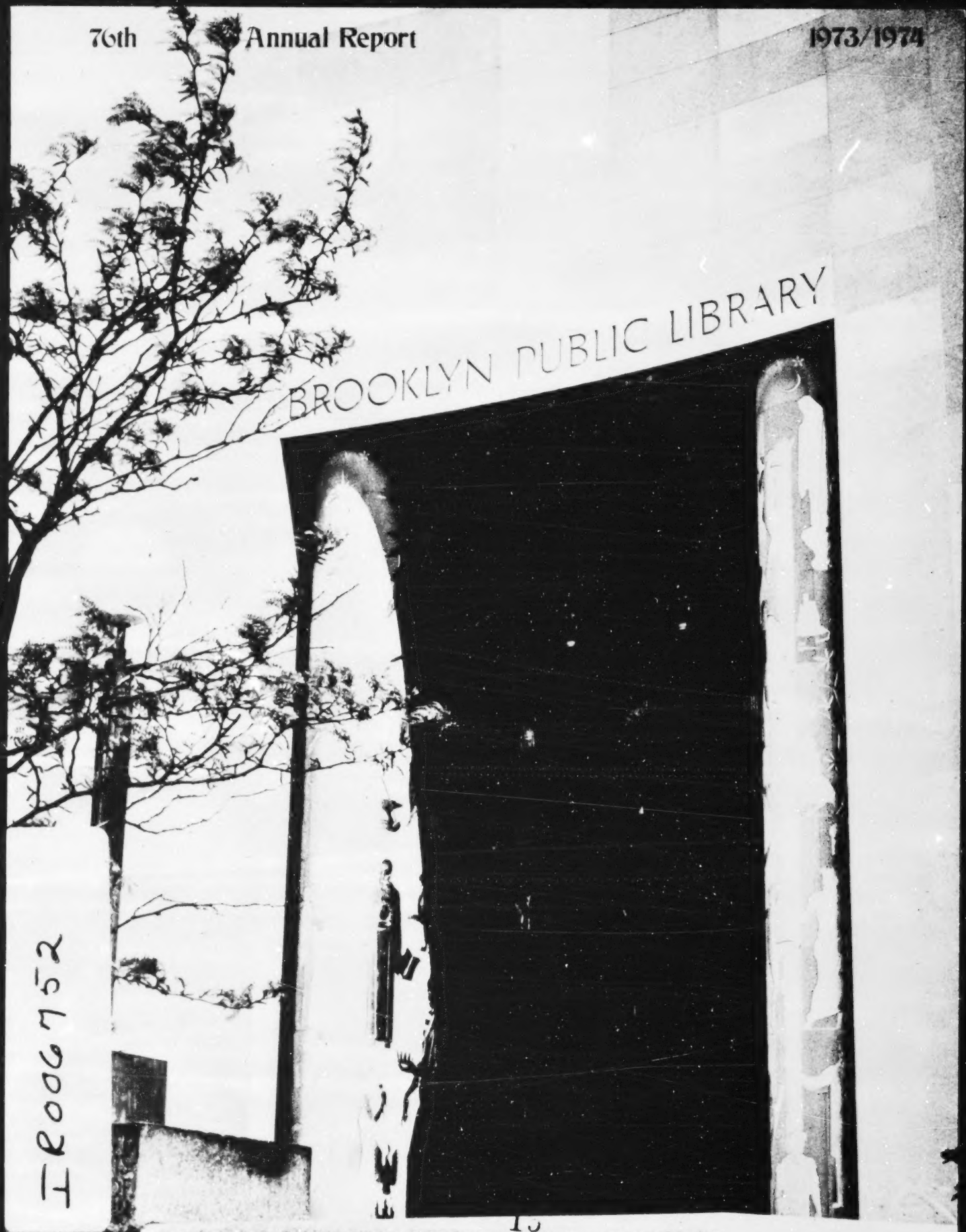

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Report of the President

Honorable Abraham D. Beame, Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Estimate and City Council:

Gentlemen:

In today's complex society, the free public library plays a vital role in reaching out to our many diversified communities to aid in the quest of all concerned in understanding the past and coping with the present and the future. It is with this essential library function in mind that I present to you the 76th Annual Report of the Brooklyn Public Library for the year ending June 30, 1974.

Call this role of the free public library what you will — from the erudite "collection and dissemination of information" to the neighborhood youngster's "it's where the answers are!" The Director's report will treat of this ever-expanding wide-range utilization of the library as a reference and research tool.

But it is not being used enough! There are still many who could profit immeasurably from the materials and information within the walls of the library's strategically-located buildings — people who are just a phone call away from seeking and acquiring a piece of information which would make their lives easier, their goals more attainable. Unfortunately, we cannot reach them all for there are days, weeks, months, when we are hard put to satisfy this thirst because of the omnipresent dollar crunch which saps our energy and taxes our initiative.

We want to provide more evening and Saturday service, better-maintained buildings, a wider range of books and materials, but are thwarted when staff positions continue to be eliminated, staff vacancies cannot be filled, and we are not permitted to spend $1,200,000 of what is supposedly our operating budget for the year.

This situation applies to the level of support given to us annually; sadly, it even affects our ambitious and trail-blazing project, the Citizens' Urban Information Centers' program. Launched with high hopes over a year ago, this exciting program is still waiting for authorization by the City.

While the crux of the library's program continues to be the provision of traditional library service on a community level, and on a more thorough basis at such key locations as the recently rehabilitated Central Library and the downtown Business Library, we still reach out to make new library patrons of people who are not presently among the "card holders" in this most valuable of all "credit card" establishments. We feel it is important that the people get the answers to their questions, whether they come out of a book they read on the spot, a phone call they make or one that is made on their behalf, a lecture they listen to at the library, a film they see, a page they photostat, a human contact they make. We constantly seek to spread this doctrine.

Three outspoken and dedicated Trustees completed their terms during this past year — such fighters as Harriet T. Righter, truly a dean of library Trustees, who retired after 37 years on the Board and was named an Honorary Trustee; Dr. Henry Q. Middendorf, a distinguished Brooklynite and a former Brooklyn Public Library President; the late Minneola P. Ingersoll, who had been the library's Vice President, and whose contributions to many city institutions were invaluable.

On behalf of the entire Board, I commend the library's staff and administrative personnel for the continuing quality of service which has been provided. Such spirit of public service so traditional in libraries is rare today, and is reflected in the patience and goodwill of the people who are served.

We appreciate the support we have received from many citizens, civic and community groups, but we desperately need more . . . more words of encouragement, more legislative assistance, more dollars — all to provide more library service to the people of Brooklyn.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Sam Unger

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* Appointed August 1973
** Appointed December 1973

Report of the Director

After four years of renovation, the Central Library resumed normal operations in greatly improved quarters — with a small amount of new space and an additional floor in the Flatbush wing for public service. Completion of this long project signalled a return to stability for the entire library system since the Central back-up to the branch operations was impaired to a greater or lesser degree during the first years of the Seventies.

The users of the Central Library were subjected to a wide variety of inconveniences — portions of the collections which were not available for weeks at a time; relocations of subject divisions which were in motion every few months; plaster dust and drafts; lack of heat and proper ventilation during installation of new equipment — to mention only a few. Yet through all of it, the Library was closed for service fewer than ten days.

The greatest debt is owed to the hundreds of staff members who sneezed and perspired, who were faced with continuous frustrations in performing their jobs and who, throughout these great inconveniences, maintained their good humor and dedication to providing quality service. The Director expresses his gratitude to the Central Library and Administrative staffs for their cooperation in maintaining good spirit and good service.

The new directions of the library's service have been the focus of recent annual reports. The vital reference and information functions are integral to the outreach efforts and, indeed, provide the base for program activities.

The major services the library performs for Brooklyn citizens are still information-connected. This information has many forms other than the book these days and the wide variety of activities we present is well documented.

During this first year of normal operation, the use of the services and the 1.2 million volume collection of the Central Library has begun to increase. The new space provides for a greatly expanded Audio-Visual Division and for a centralized periodical service. Access to these important collections is greatly improved and speeded.

Since May the library has had access to The New York Times Information Bank, one of the several important electronic data banks now operating. In a matter of minutes, we are able to retrieve New York Times content since 1969, display it on a television screen and print it as needed. This search capability permits us to provide rapidly comprehensive data to a wide variety of the City's businesses, scholars, legislators and others. The continuous expansion of The Times data bank, by inclusion of other newspapers and periodicals, will steadily increase the value of the computer-assisted search for information.

The Art and Music Division has been relocated in the third floor of the Flatbush wing as a result of the shift of the library's acquisition and technical processing functions to Montgomery Street. For the first time the Art and Music collections are housed and accessible in a single location and the true range of this strong reference collection is visible.

The program and exhibit activities in this past year have attracted a large number of our residents. The India Book Fair in June presented a selection of books published in India; most of us were unaware of the existence of the enormous output of print from the sub-continent. This joint enterprise, in cooperation with the Literary Guild of India, was honored by the attendance of the Honorable T.N. Kaul, the Indian Ambassador to the United States. The exotic programs presented throughout the week gave a unique experience to Brooklyn people, a taste of the arts, customs and culture of the Indian people.

The regular film showings in the Central Library have shared unusual full-length and short films with overflow audiences. The many small meetings of groups as diverse as the Chess Club and the Women's Political Caucus have opened doors to community activity and provided a place for developing awareness and skills.

The professional competence of the librarians in the several subject area Divisions of the library has contributed to the successful completion of hundreds of thousands of term papers, studies and inquiries. The greater resources of the metropolitan area are regularly tapped via the cooperative arrangements of METRO, the

state-supported access to collections of all libraries. The central role Brooklyn plays in the state interlibrary loan network (NYSILL) provides us the opportunity to share our resources and to have immediate access to the special collections in Albany and throughout the State.

The Telephone Reference service receives increasing use and acclaim as one of the finest quick answer services in the country. The accurate and speedy update of current information, expertly organized and delivered by a very small staff, also provides an invaluable central referral source to the library's subject specialists. In 1973-74, Telephone Reference received 28,043 calls, an increase of one-third to an all-time high.

The Business Library, another of our unique services, maintains its position as one of a handful of excellent business library services in the country. Serving the entire New York City business community as well as clients all over the East Coast, the Business Library's service is almost entirely of a reference nature, heavily by telephone.

Throughout the annual reports of the 58 branches runs a current of heavy usage of branch reference sources. For example, in Bushwick: "open enrollment programs bring many to use our materials for college homework." De Kalb: ". . . upwardly mobile users are showing signs of increased confidence and competence in use of the library . . .". East Flatbush: " . . . teachers are again assigning subject reports which require library research . . .".

Heavy use was reported of two new libraries opened during the year: Jamaica Bay Branch Library which began service July 16, 1973 and the Dyker Branch Library which began operation March 18, 1974. The strong support of area residents was invaluable in establishment of these branches in neighborhoods which were previously without direct library service.

The statistics for the year just ended reveal a series of facts which underline the changing use of materials and services. We have 15,000 more adult borrowers and an increase overall of two per cent. Five years ago we made approximately 200,000 photocopies. In 1973-74, over 1,100,000. This year our films and film strips were shown 27,812 times to an audience of 733,658, contrasted with last year when 582,846 viewed 23,111 showings. Total non-book materials' use has increased by 18 per cent in the past five years. Almost two million reference inquiries were handled in 1973-74; five years ago the figure was 1.65 million. There is even a small increase in use of books for home reading — about 50,000 more were circulated in 1973-74 than in 1972-73, the first increase since 1970.

The library has been disappointed that the promised Citizens' Urban Information Center project did not start in 1974. We are convinced that it will provide an indispensable service to all of Brooklyn and hope that in the coming year it will become a reality.

The critical personnel situation the library has lived with for the past five years promises to be even more severe in 1974-75. It has been the library's policy to provide maximum hours of service with available staff; again we are faced with some reductions in hours unless there is an easing of restrictions on hiring.

We are convinced that the services provided by the City's public libraries are of great use to our residents for practical, educational purposes as well as therapeutic and recreational ones. Because public libraries are such an accepted part of the educational and cultural scene, the true dimension of our worth to a multitude of individuals is difficult to measure and to report. We rely for our continued growth on the belief of our users and our elected officials that a city without libraries is a house without doors.

The Director is grateful for the strong support of the Board of Trustees and the staff in making the library go. This, his fifth annual report, is respectfully submitted.

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725 St. Mark's Ave. nr. Nostrand Ave. (11216)
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1580 Rockaway Pkwy. nr. Ave. J (11236)
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CLARENDON 434-3620
2035 Nostrand Ave. nr. Farragut Rd. (11210)
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CONEY ISLAND 266-1121
1901 Mermaid Ave. at West 19th St. (11224)
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CROWN HEIGHTS 773-1223
560 New York Ave. at Maple St. (11225)
Doris Lyda

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8202 13th Ave. at 82nd St. (11228)
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9612 Church Ave. nr. Rockaway Pkwy. (11212)
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1044 Eastern Pkwy. at Schenectady Ave. (11213)
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FLATBUSH 282-2017
22 Linden Blvd. nr. Flatbush Ave. (11226)
Johanna Spiess

FLATLANDS 252-6115
2065 Flatbush Ave. at Ave. P (11234)
Mary Pendleton

GERRITSEN BEACH 743-3040
2712 Gerritsen Ave. at Everett Ave. (11229)
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HOMECREST 645-2727
2525 Coney Island Ave. nr. Ave. V (11223)
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9727 Sea View Ave. at E. 98th St. (11236)
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FORT HAMILTON 745-5502
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Edna M. McLoone

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Terry Dunlavy, District Librarian

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James Baron

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MACON (Temp. quarters) 493-5380
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Vivian Henderson

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Douglas James

WASHINGTON IRVING 386-6212
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Ergus Alleyne

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Frances Ricks, District Librarian

NEW LOTS DISTRICT LIBRARY 649-3700
665 New Lots Ave. at Barbey St. (11207)
Beverly Vance

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ARLINGTON 277-0160
203 Arlington Ave. at Warwick St. (11207)
Elizabeth DaSilva

BROWNSVILLE 345-1212
61 Glenmore Ave. at Watkins St. (11212)
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303 Ave. X nr. West 2nd St. (11223)
Ida Greenberg

HIGHLAWN 331-2000
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PROSPECT DISTRICT LIBRARY 768-0593
431 Sixth Ave. at 9th St. (11215)
Peter Mehlin

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CARROLL GARDENS (Temp. quarters) 625-5838
117 1st Place nr. Court St. (11231)
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PACIFIC (Temp. quarters) 858-8075
YWCA, 30 3rd Ave. at Atlantic Ave. (11217)
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RED HOOK 875-4412
588 Clinton St. at W. 9th St. (11231)
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WINDSOR TERRACE 853-7265
160 E. 5th St. at Ft. Hamilton Pkwy. (11218)
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Theresa Huang, District Librarian

WILLIAMSBURGH DISTRICT LIBRARY (Temp. quarters) 782-4600
273 Broadway at Havemeyer St. (11211)
Rigmor Olesen

Community Libraries:

BUSHWICK 443-1078
340 Bushwick Ave. at Seigel St. (11206)
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GREENPOINT 383-6692
107 Norman Ave. at Leonard St. (11222)
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Status of Capital Programs

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READING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Brooklyn Heights Branch 636-3297
Richard Keller

Project	Estimated Cost †	Authorizations as of 1974/75 †	Progress *
Rehabilitations of Existing Buildings			
Central Library	$6,685,522	$5,985,522 700,000 FG	Construction
Williamsburgh	350,050	350,050	Construction
DeKalb	313,080	313,080	Construction
Macon	271,300	271,300	Construction
Pacific	534,973	534,973	Construction
Carroll Gardens	272,200	272,200	Construction
Arlington	374,000	374,000	Design
Prospect	531,000	531,000	Design
Air Conditioning of Branches	2,602,025	2,602,025	Construction
Relocations of Existing Buildings			
Mill Basin	657,800	657,800	Construction
Red Hook	648,000	648,000	Construction
Clarendon	767,000	A	Site Approved
East Flatbush	1,514,700	5,000 A	Site Approved
Cypress Hills	644,000	A	Site Approved
Rugby	596,700	A	Site Needed
New Agencies			
Dyker	941,000	941,000	Completed**
Clinton Hill	724,600	724,600	Construction
Spring Creek	787,600	787,600	Design
Coney Island West	761,900	761,900	Design
Dorchester	728,000	728,000	Site Approved

† — Capital Budget, City of New York FG — Federal Grant ** — Opened March 18, 1974
* — Based on Department of Public Works reports as of June 18, 1974
A — Site and design funds included in lump sum appropriation; not reflected in this chart

Statistics July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974

Book Circulation	Total Circulation*	Juvenile Circulation	Total Volumes
Central Library (a)	687,377	106,452	1,232,092
Arlington	58,671	20,758	19,789
Bay Ridge (b)	222,384	60,913	47,473
Bedford	32,028	18,231	15,797
Borough Park (b)	293,826	122,250	55,202
Borough Park Regional (c)			19,128
Brighton Beach	220,247	55,367	32,872
Brooklyn Heights (b)	231,350	36,063	57,506
Brower Park (d)	35,968	22,128	22,468
Brownsville	34,020	17,217	23,101
Bushwick	63,330	33,949	25,285
Business Library	27,028		91,937
Canarsie	164,817	57,884	33,893
Carroll Gardens (e)	34,157	18,634	30,142
Clarendon	91,699	30,983	22,430
Coney Island	107,300	37,031	23,927
Crown Heights	66,938	29,945	27,317
Cypress Hills	40,601	21,959	11,777
DeKalb	63,253	33,462	24,655
Dyker (f)	38,204	17,970	15,064
East Flatbush	76,102	34,032	22,579
East Flatbush Kiosk/Van (g)	13,738	5,778	(n.a.)
Eastern Parkway (b)	105,645	47,217	29,063
Flatbush (b)	212,132	52,173	45,103
Flatlands (b)	223,696	85,556	36,220
Fort Hamilton	102,155	29,334	23,191
Gerritsen Beach	23,813	10,746	6,318
Gravesend	95,256	37,999	27,652
Greenpoint	94,840	35,871	29,365
Highlawn	143,228	61,718	25,578
Homecrest	103,755	42,076	24,787
Jamaica Bay (h)	163,097	68,319	25,091
Kensington	137,359	37,999	29,115
Kings Bay (b)	299,644	81,875	55,860
Kings Highway (b)	282,327	67,695	61,481
Kings Highway Regional (c)			20,050
Leonard	45,744	23,705	20,900
Library-on-Wheels I (i)	38,438	25,409	24,394
Library-on-Wheels II	37,765	25,354	
McKinley Park	90,808	36,003	21,730
Macon (j)	18,881	10,658	12,225
Mapleton	222,298	83,922	38,781
Marcy	61,336	38,120	11,803
Midwood (b)	265,328	92,495	43,415
Mill Basin	94,020	37,043	20,650
New Lots (b)	70,243	34,444	36,476
New Utrecht (b)	207,842	71,885	56,595
Pacific	36,199	15,148	15,715
Paerdegat	186,715	74,306	34,179
Prospect (b)	134,126	51,855	42,270
Red Hook	27,169	13,021	13,695
Rugby (b)	131,334	53,032	28,509
Ryder	101,859	48,597	20,666
Saratoga	52,467	33,896	11,679
Sheepshead Bay	160,681	41,376	30,605
Stone Avenue	47,794	27,065	19,555
Sunset Park	148,424	77,302	28,299
Ulmer Park	107,156	48,692	19,912
Walt Whitman	38,860	20,106	17,131
Washington Irving	58,966	36,974	14,385
Williamsburgh (b/k)	97,723	36,948	50,173
Williamsburgh Regional (c)			20,887
Windsor Terrace	80,013	30,692	23,528
Total Book	**7,152,174**	**2,527,632**	**2,971,465**

Non-Book Circulation	Total Circulation*	Non-Book Stock
Films and Film Strips (see separate statistics on use)	23,412	1,936
Folders	9,204	61,274
Framed Pictures	293	440
Micromaterials: (l)		
Microcards (Central Library)		92,822
Microcards (Business Library)		32,960
Microfiche (Central Library)		11,678
Microfiche (Business Library)		30,289
Microfilms (Central Library)		23,870
Microfilms (Business Library)		8,186
Microprints (Central Library)		352,566
Microprints (Business Library)		32,269
Phonograph Records & Cassettes:		
Central Library	35,730	19,377
Bay Ridge	1,394	331
Borough Park	7,604	3,078
Crown Heights	7	32
Fort Hamilton	620	239
Jamaica Bay	67	52
McKinley Park	356	151
Paerdegat	112	127
Rugby	211	334
Ryder	590	37
Sunset Park	3,167	554
Ulmer Park	—	60
WNYC Collection (l)	—	25,558
Record Text (Central Library)	1,451	1,796
Total Non-Book	**84,218**	**700,016**

Summary	1973/74	1972/73	% Change
Total Circulation	**7,236,392**	**7,184,823**	+ .7
Adult Circulation	4,702,578	4,744,222	− .9
Juvenile Circulation	2,533,814	2,440,601	+ 3.8
Book Stock	2,971,465	2,926,733	+ 1.5
Non-Book Stock	700,016	645,567	+ 8.4

Other Statistics	1973/74	1972/73	% Change
Reference Inquiries			
Adult	1,510,045	1,451,075	+ 4.1
Juvenile	486,450	474,572	+ 2.5
Total	**1,996,495**	**1,925,647**	+ 3.7
Registered Borrowers			
Adult	457,524	442,735	+ 3.3
Juvenile	196,640	199,247	− 1.3
Total	**654,164**	**641,982**	+ 1.9
Library Activities			
ADULT			
Sessions	1,744	1,419	+ 22.9
Attendance	49,947	32,149	+ 55.4
JUVENILE			
Sessions	7,621	7,285	+ 4.6
Attendance	174,029	171,595	+ 1.4
Films & Film Strips Use			
Showings	27,812	23,465	+ 18.5
Attendance	733,658	588,248	+ 24.7

The Brooklyn Public Library was authorized by Act of Legislature approved May 3, 1892 and amended in 1897 . . . established by resolution of the Brooklyn Common Council, November 30, 1896 . . . opened in December, 1897 . . . consolidated with the Brooklyn Library under Act of Legislature approved April 15, 1902 and amended in 1903.

Although the Brooklyn Public Library is supported chiefly by tax funds, it welcomes gifts or bequests from those interested in supporting its work. Under the Revenue Act of 1964 the deduction for charitable contributions was liberalized in regard to gifts to libraries.

A gift of money may be made in the following words: "I give and bequeath to the Brooklyn Public Library the sum of ..... dollars."

If the gift is of personal property other than money, the bequest may read as follows: "I give and bequeath to the Brooklyn Public Library (here describe the property) ...."

A gift of real property may be worded in this way: "I give and devise to the Brooklyn Public Library the following described real property (here describe the property) ...."

FOOTNOTES:

* Includes Adult and Juvenile circulation figures.

(a) Bookstock includes Administration and Cataloging Department.

(b) Reference Centers.

(c) Bookstock not circulated directly; serves as supplementary collection for branches.

(d) Closed July 5, 1973 due to a fire; re-opened Oct. 9, 1973.

(e) Closed June 18, 1973 for rehabilitation; re-opened in temporary quarters, Oct. 9, 1973.

(f) Opened March 18, 1974.

(g) These outdoor services are not operated during winter months: Kiosks closed Dec. 1973 to April 1974; Van stopped Oct. 1973 to April 1974.

(h) Opened July 16, 1973.

(i) Not operated in August 1973.

(j) Closed July 23, 1973; re-opened in temporary quarters Sept. 4, 1973.

(k) Re-opened in temporary quarters July 18, 1973.

(l) Material does not circulate.

Because of extreme heat and humidity the library lost 642:15 hours of service in July 1973; 900:25 hours in August 1973; 100:45 hours (plus 3:15 hours due to a power failure) in September 1973; 40:00 hours (plus 2:00 hours due to breakdown in an air conditioning unit) in May 1974, and 138:00 hours in June 1974. Lack of heat, mechanical and equipment failures, staff shortages and other emergencies at library units during the year resulted in the loss of a total of 147 additional days of service throughout the system.

BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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REPORT OF THE PEOPLE:

What does a library mean to a community? Only as much as it means to the individuals who comprise that community: the young and the old; the educated and the under-educated; those who know where they are going and those who feel they have nowhere to go.

A library deals in resources and materials and services, but above all in the needs and the dreams of people. We preface this Annual Report with a selection of patrons' comments about our fulfillment of this basic and fundamental library responsibility.

"Three and a half years ago I suddenly and unexpectedly lost my hearing completely and entered a silent world. At the time I was psychologist at one of the Family Courts and was active in several important organizations; all these meaningful activities were now closed to me. Fortunately I come from Massachusetts where books, literature, the written word have always been considered the wellspring of life, and the Cadman Plaza library thus became my second home. A suggestion from my brother, an investment counselor in California, who had managed our securities portfolio for years, caught my interest: this was that I train myself to handle our portfolio, inasmuch as this did not require hearing. Somewhat timidly I began an acquaintance with the stock market section of the library which gradually developed into familiarity and a fair degree of competence."

"I used the New York Times Information Bank while writing an article for a journalism review about newspaper coverage of auto safety. I had to search through most of the available newspaper indexes as far back as 10 years. I worked in libraries all over the metropolitan area. It was a very tedious job, but worth the results. At the Brooklyn Public Library today, I had a chance to use the NYTIB ... in 15 minutes the computer duplicated most of the work that I had done in the previous week, and also did the work I was planning to spend the next week doing. Most important, the NYTIB caught several errors and omissions, and enabled me to spot patterns that would not have been apparent with conventional methods. It also checked sources that were otherwise unavailable ... The NYTIB reminded me of a quip that logarithms added twenty years to the life of an astronomer."

"The Brooklyn Public Library has helped me tremendously in my work and pleasure. The library contained all the books and periodicals I needed for my term paper on anthrax. It also helps me in my pleasure because the librarian is going to give us the auditorium one weekday afternoon so that we may have a meeting of a chamber music club. It contains all reference I need to know on music and I think it is wonderful. The library is not only a great house of knowledge but a place where people may share their common interests, in this case, music. I think it is doing a wonderful job to keep people together and friendly, and I have made many friends here."

"The Brooklyn Public Library saved our square dance festival! We were a mere 24 hours away from the final event. Decorations had been hung, extra seating had been moved into the gym, costumes were ready - and the new audio system was plugged in when - disaster struck. The powerful amplifiers broadcast not only strains of Shoo Fly - but years of needle scratches and the static that comes from hard wear on an aged record. We did a hasty tape recording and again heard more noise than music. The audience was destined to see a square dance but to listen to a blurred and indistinct caller. There's a happy ending to our story because after a few frantic phone calls, a determined librarian found and reserved for us a fresh new album, Let's Square Dance. It was picked up at 3:30 p.m. at the Rugby Branch and joyfully used at 9:30 p.m. that same evening for the final rehearsal. The program was a success, thanks to the BPL."

"I was chairman of the Clinton Hill House Tour this year and the Clinton Hill library added an important feature to the tour that we couldn't have gotten anywhere else: they obtained and showed movies on brownstoning continuously during the entire period of the tour. They also collected a display of books on brownstoning, home repair and construction, city gardening, etc. for the tour ... The library also allowed us to put on a display of pictures of the neighborhood as it used to be in its 'heyday'."

"The fact that I earn my living as a writer and editor who works at home means that I use the services of the library all the time ... It would be too much of an understatement to say that the library has helped me; it has shaped me, and it continues to be a unique and indispensable part of my total identity."

"My occupation is Cab Driver, but I am one with plenty of spare time. I go to work at 1:30 a.m. and I am back home at 12:30. My day light hours are long. I have plenty of time to read and I do plenty of time at that. The library is just two blocks away from my house. The library is my home away from home ... Not only the children but people my age (58) need places to go to where we could get off the merry-go-round we live on these days. We need a little peace of mind so that we could face the next day."

"My family and I have lived in Canarsie for most of our lives. Here I realized the vital function which a progressive library can play in a community, as well as in the lives of individuals. I see an expanded institution, not only providing reading matter and information sources, but a pivot point around which many, if not most of the intellectual and cultural activities of the neighborhood take place ... The branch has provided a meeting place for discussion groups, chess clubs, movie showings for youngsters and older people who cannot travel out of their localities, health seminars, art exhibitions, and innumerable other activities. The library is a strong bond which runs through the community, and binds together all its diverse elements."

"My education was totally in Spanish. I read English, but mispronounced so many words I hated to even read to my children. Finding ways to learn better pronunciation prompted me to visit the Public Library ... I found lots of reading material to help me accomplish such. I'm still trying but I'm much improved."

"I am a Kindergarten teacher ... We avail ourselves almost daily of the services of the library. It has been a source of much of my professional reading and almost all my reading for pleasure ... With our students, we visit the library on a regular basis, as part of our program ... The children's librarians have planned special programs for our early childhood groups, which stimulated an interest in books and learning."

"I needed a U.S. Government publication entitled 'Retinal Detachment'. I telephoned your Science and Industry Division. It took the librarian a minute only to inform me that this publication is available in the Division's collection, whereupon I indicated that I will travel to your library in order to obtain a xerox copy of it. Apparently noticing the anxiety in my voice, the librarian courteously advised me that said publication consists of one page only and he will mail me a copy of it. I received it the following morning. A few months ago I lost the vision of my left eye due to retinal detachment and thus I am anxious to learn as much as possible about the nature of my ailment, hoping and fighting that I might perhaps regain a fraction of my vision."

"As a mother of two sons I wanted to introduce the wonders of books to them. Yet, they are too young to read. The library helps solve this problem with 'pre-school library class.' My son has learned through the children's librarian the many new and interesting things that are housed at the library. Through books, movies and discussion his mind has been awakened to many things that he would have been deprived of. Half of our battle in life is to aid our youth increase the learning abilities, and to me library has been one of the first and foremost weapons we have against ignorance."

"We lived in New York for many years but unfortunately I was not interested in the historical events until we moved south – some 1200 miles away. My children have prodded me to gather what information I could as they are very interested. I found the information you sent to me ... regarding the Bay Ridge area during the American Revolution period ... most interesting and have already contacted the people on the list that you felt might be able to provide me with further information. Our entire family (many of the younger generation having been born in the South) join me in big 'THANK YA'ALL'. Your cooperation proves once again that the South does not have a monopoly on hospitality, consideration and kindness."

"I'd like to express my appreciation for the opportunity of reading one of your books ... I am very thankful to the library and who it may concern for that great opportunity. Me myself is one who is presently incarcerated. When I was on the streets I was a very lost person. I was young, gifted and black but I didn't know it. I didn't know what I was or what I want to accomplish and be. My eyes couldn't, and my ears couldn't, and my little feet couldn't keep up with this fast changing, fast moving world. So I got left behind (bars). But like Abraham Lincoln I did a lot of reading and studying sort of on my own! I still don't have a determined goal, but things like the Brooklyn Public Library is a great help to me procuring one."

"Since retirement I have become dependent on the public library for mental stimulation. I am alone, a senior citizen, so I tell you this as typical of the plight of many a senior citizen. In the short span of six months, a close friend moved to Florida, another friend passed away, a close relative moved out of the state, a close relative passed away. Do you know what a library does for such as I? I can't do without the book discussions. They are stimulating, exciting, challenging, listening and learning and exchanging thoughts, being with people who are alive and alert. To me, it is like getting out in the fresh air, like a tonic, like a medicine, giving me the strength to go on."

"The Business Library continues to amaze me. I am in there several days a week. No matter what business information (I have been active in the stock market since 1928) I seek, it is there; or if I can't find it, one of the smart and helpful librarians can steer me in the right direction or suggest alternatives ... Without the Business Library I could not even begin to compete in the market place with the 'money operators' with the unlimited sources of information at their command. The Library evens the odds."

"Knowledge and education are priceless – but there are times when knowing where to go and how to obtain what we need goes beyond this - for this my eternal gratitude to our library. A book is a precious friend. It entertains, relaxes, and keeps one absorbed - where else can one find this to be true (in this inflated world) at no cost - but our library. The courtesy and desire of the librarians to be of help in any way is like a tonic. It redeems our faith in the goodness of people - at a time when this is sorely needed."

"The pre-school program has introduced my daughter to school. She finds it to be fun, exciting and the focal point of her week. The one month she has attended this program has definitely helped her deal with other children in a classroom atmosphere in an orderly manner. She's now looking forward to kindergarten."

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

Honorable Abraham D. Beame, Mayor and the Honorable Board of Estimate and City Council:

The 77th Annual Report of the Brooklyn Public Library for the year ending June 30, 1975 is my fifth report to you. It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as President for this first half of the decade of the Seventies.

In reviewing this past year, I am acutely aware of the impact and anguish of the earlier years of hold-the-line operations and its effect on the present drastic financial situation of New York City. The Board is deeply concerned about the diminution in library service to Brooklyn people as a result of the imminent reductions in funding. I am keenly attuned to the awesome responsibility of the Board of Trustees to speak to you for the vast numbers of library users who have no organized power base or singular interest which will capture your attention and protect their service.

The Board of Trustees has acted energetically and conscientiously in my tenure to establish policies and to ensure administrative action which utilizes our personnel and other resources to provide the maximum number of hours of service possible in our 58 library outlets without closing branches. We have been extremely fortunate that our staff, many of whom have invested their entire careers in the Library, have been flexible, understanding and willing to perform exceptionally in a situation where support to morale has been threatened daily by forecasts of default at worst and major cuts at best. I am confident that whatever the future holds, we can count on our staff to serve at its top capacity.

Since 1970, the Library has not been able to keep pace with the effects of inflation. As fiscal year 1976 starts, we have had to make the painful decision to lay off 74 full-time employees and over 400 part-time workers. This amounts to approximately 25 percent of our staff. The effect of this massive reduction will be a slash in hours and an unfortunate suspension of various special services. Further substantial lowering of the Library's support can lead only to our inability to maintain service in all our branches. The Board is distressed that the Library must provide service which is rapidly becoming substandard. It is not possible to maintain a complex system without minimum support and we are now well below that minimum.

This past year the entire system was used at an accelerated pace. Sagging economic conditions have brought more people to libraries for the many services offered. More books were loaned for home use and more requests for information were handled in this increasingly busy year. Programs of all types, for people of all interests and ages, continued to attract a wide cross-section of the people.

We have tried to show you in a unique Report of the People what some of our users have told us about their view of the library and the role it plays in their lives. These thoughtful and spontaneous remarks indicate the essential nature of the free, non-mandatory service provided by the collections and staff to the nearly 700,000 registered library users.

The people who use the Brooklyn Public Library cannot speak as forcefully or with the media attention of, for example, anti-SST, anti-abortion or pro-gun groups. There is no focus to the spectrum of interests represented by the parent of a brain-damaged child, a budding ten year-old mathematical genius, a seventy year-old widow living alone and the research director of a multi-national corporation. They all use the Brooklyn Public Library for work- or school - or recreation-connected reasons and only if destruction looms do they rally together to voice their consolidated support of library service. I must remind you of the heterogeneous character of library devotees who are the backbone and muscle of the Borough of Brooklyn.

For the Board, I extend our gratitude for the support and encouragement we have received from community groups and individuals. The need for support has never been greater. Our strong plea to you, our elected officials, is that the importance of library service to an acceptable quality of life in Brooklyn be understood and protected in this time of crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

JAY SAM UNGER

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR:

"Because public libraries are such an accepted part of the educational and cultural scene, the true dimension of our worth to a multitude of individuals is difficult to measure and report. We rely for our continued growth on the belief of our users and our elected officials that a city without libraries is a house without doors."

Those words, which concluded my Annual Report in 1974, are again the essential message of the current year, a year of uncertainty and disappointments as well as of increased use of Brooklyn Public Library services.

The uncertainty was caused by the New York City fiscal crisis which culminated in the adoption of the Expense

Budget for 1975-76 in June. At the end of the Fiscal Year 1975, the financial axe fell and the Library faced the most severe slash in its seventy-seven year history.

From the January announcement of projected budget cuts ahead, the undercurrent of all library activity was apprehension mixed with optimistic "we've-heard-all-this-before..." attitudes. Naturally, the Library mirrored the conflicting hopes, despair, fears, confidence of the many spokesmen who were expressing their attitudes and presenting their data. And, as naturally, the planning for the future contained contingency plans for the often-mentioned default, bankruptcy, lay-offs and all other unpopular options.

The burden of anticipating a reduced scale of operation fell heavily upon the Library's small administrative staff. My office would have been unable to respond accurately or promptly to the City's many requests for data and projections without the efficient and thorough work of the Finance and Personnel Departments, and the Superintendent of Branches Office. The smooth coordinating of important contingency planning by the Deputy Director was exceptional. There was also heavy dependence on continuous input from other administrative offices.

Development of a method for a massive lay-off of personnel was a move into unknown territory. The fact that preparation for this unprecedented action proceeded with no appreciable rancor or inequity is in large part due to the effective participation of the Brooklyn Library Guild in the creation of a workable policy and procedure.

The major disappointment of the year was the death of the Citizens Urban Information Center project at one time an approved and contracted activity which was aborted as the City's fiscal crisis advanced. The need for information and referral service is greater than ever today, yet funding is essential if a coordinated program is to be installed in the Borough. This casualty effectively reduces the ability of residents to cope with the difficulties of daily problems of urban living.

New branch libraries were opened in Clinton Hill, Mill Basin and Red Hook in 1974-75. The redeveloping Fort Greene area has a library for the first time with the establishment of the Clinton Hill Library, the Red Hook and Mill Basin Libraries replaced inadequate facilities with bright, modern buildings. Three libraries reopened after extensive renovations - Carroll Gardens, DeKalb and Williamsburgh. Air-conditioning of several branch libraries was started during the year, though progress was slow.

The use of the library system increased for the second year in a row. Indication of an increase in home reading in 1973-74 was reinforced in 1974-75 as the system's circulation rose 6.4% and almost 460,000 more books and other library materials were loaned.

The base of the library's service is the individual, and while we cannot know how many separate individuals we serve each year, what we do know is impressive:

* 692,000 individuals requested library cards during the past three years
* 482,000 of these users were 12 years of age and over
* 38,000 more individuals had library cards in the current year - a 5.8% increase
* over 2,000,000 requests were made for information, either in person or on the telephone, a rise of nearly 13%
* 9,730 library programs attracted audiences of 234,061, both representing increases for the year.

Those who use the Library in person but who do not ever borrow materials or attend programs are not included in these statistics. We can only posit that tens of thousands in addition to card holders use the Library's services, many of them conceivably non-Brooklyn residents.

That one of every four (perhaps one of three) Brooklyn residents uses the library system at least once every three years attests to the contact the Library maintains with citizens. (Only 14 cities in the U.S. have more population than the Brooklyn Public Library has registered borrowers.) Each of these people has a motivation for making use of the Library's collections and services. Even in 1974-75 when some minimum reductions both in hours and services were introduced, they managed to use the Library more than in the previous year. What will they face in 1975-76 and after?

They will have a greatly reduced staff to serve them. They will have many fewer hours that the branch libraries are open.

In July 1975, with the layoff of 74 full-time employees and over 400 part-time employees (equivalent of about 200 full-time), the burden on the remaining staff increased drastically with reduced hours of service. Continued loss of personnel through retirement and resignation have further impaired the Library's ability to function effectively.

The Library is cognizant of the effects of the precarious financial position upon all segments of the City's operation and its residents. That efforts to reduce the City deficit must affect each City-supported activity is an equitable approach which the Library must accept.

We responsibly plead that in the process of reaching a balanced budget, the empowered officials recognize that library service is an essential factor of civilized urban living and that it makes a positive difference to hundreds of thousands of Brooklyn residents.

The prospects for the future development of public library service in Brooklyn will call upon the best efforts of the staff who have so faithfully fulfilled their obligations to service in this past year, the continued responsible policy decisions of the Board of Trustees, and the patience of the Library's users.

The fraction of one per cent of the City's Expense Budget which goes to support the library systems reaches a large percentage of the citizens and returns to them immeasurable tangible and intangible profits. As an aggregate institutional force for "good", as an impartial source of information and recreation, the Library's buildings and services also provide a stable ingredient to communities and neighborhoods in unsettled distressing times.

It is my hope that the Library can maintain this position of strength in the perilous years ahead.

KENNETH F. DUCHAC

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16 Brighton 1st Rd. nr. Brighton Beach Ave. (11235)
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280 Cadman Plaza West at Clinton St. (11201)
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725 St. Mark's Ave. nr. Nostrand Ave. (11216)
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2035 Nostrand Ave. nr. Farragut Rd. (11210)
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560 New York Ave. at Maple St. (11225)
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2065 Flatbush Ave. at Ave. P (11234)
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FORT HAMILTON 745-5502
9424 Fourth Ave. at 95th St. (11209)
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2712 Gerritsen Ave. at Everett Ave. (11229)
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Brooklyn Heights Branch 636-3297
Richard Keller

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET As at June 30, 1975 (Cents Omitted)

ASSETS

CASH - in Banks and Imprest Fund			$1,558,893
RECEIVABLES			
Due from - City of New York		$ 296,921(A)	
- State of New York - N.Y.S.I.L.L.		4,610	
Bookmobile Service Trust - Model Cities		61,021	
Deposits, claims receivable, etc.		6,464	
Brooklyn Arts and Culture Association		5,000	
TOTAL RECEIVABLES			374,016
INVESTMENTS			
	MARKET VALUE	COST	
Stocks	$ 709,446	$ 700,387	700,387
Bonds			
U.S. Government	$ 34,875	$ 34,529	
New York City	496,710	499,500	
Other	$ 717,068	789,673	
	$1,248,653	$1,323,702	1,323,702
Loan			27,014(B)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			2,051,103
TOTAL ASSETS			$3,984,012

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

LIABILITIES			
Due New York City - (Note below)		$ 81,883(C)	
- Payroll advances		600,000(D)	$ 681,883
Due State of New York - Re: L.S.C.A. Projects (Net)			290,169
Staff - Savings bonds		769	
- Union dues		3,867	
- Other		356	4,992
TOTAL LIABILITIES			977,044
FUNDS			
Trustees		$2,444,732	
Trustees' Book		-	
Endowment		352,670	
Funds other than endowment		12,491	
David A. Boody Foundation		99,650	
Pay Collection		78,625	
Scholarship Fund of Brooklyn Public Library Staff Association		18,800	
TOTAL FUNDS			3,006,968
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS			$3,984,012

(A) Represents:

Outstanding warrants	$ 522,622
Less - Warrants approved and paid to vendors subsequent to June 30, 1975	258,359
Outstanding warrants	264,263
Add - Expenditures in current fiscal year in excess of City budget (Warrants submitted July 1975 and collected subsequently)	32,658
NET	$ 296,921

(B) Represents balance of original loan of $35,000.
(C) City appropriation adjustments not as yet refunded to the City.
(D) Advanced by New York City to meet payroll commitments.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS CITY AND STATE APPROPRIATIONS

(From July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975) (cents omitted)

RECEIPTS	
Total Requisitioned	$15,978,618
DISBURSEMENTS	
Personnel Services	$10,189,544
Books, Periodicals and Binding	2,415,923
Capital Budget Books	123,067
All Other Expenses	3,226,451
Total Disbursed	$15,954,985
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	$ 23,633

NOTE -
Above receipts may be divided between Tax Levy, State Aid and Federal Aid Funds as follows:

Tax Levy	$11,208,246
Capital Funds (State Aid)	2,333,705
State Aid	2,227,495
Federal Aid (EEA)	209,172
Total	$15,978,618

Board of Trustees of
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Gentlemen:

We have examined the balance sheet of the Brooklyn Public Library as at June 30, 1975 and the related statement of receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and the related statement of receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the Brooklyn Public Library as at June 30, 1975, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Fluhr, Massen & Company
Certified Public Accountants

New York, N.Y.
September 5, 1975

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STATISTICS July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

Statistics are at best an incomplete barometer of library use, but in this expanded statistical coverage, the Library is attempting to convey the extent of the commitment of its staff and resources to a broad range of library service in Brooklyn.

HOURS OPEN WEEKLY: the number of hours each library is open to the public most of the year; hours are reduced during summer months.

REGISTERED BORROWERS: the number of individuals with valid library cards issued at each library entitling them to borrow materials from any agency of the Brooklyn Public Library.

HOLDINGS: cataloged books, periodicals, micromaterials, records and cassettes.

CIRCULATION: borrowing of any holdings for use outside the library; each loan counts only as a single circulation unit: whether 50 people see a film, one person reads a book, or 200 appreciate a framed picture in a home or office.

REFERENCE INQUIRIES: informational questions asked at each library, either at an information or reference desk, by mail or over the telephone.

PHOTOCOPIES MADE: photocopier machines are used by the public to make copies of pages, articles, or sections of printed material in lieu of borrowing circulating items, or hand copying from reference books which cannot be borrowed.

PROGRAMS: range from story sessions for pre-school children to dramatic presentations for adults; from crochet classes for young people to social security sessions for senior citizens; from film shows to street fairs; from visits to day care centers to visits to prisons.

AGENCY	HOURS OPEN WEEKLY	REGISTERED BORROWERS	HOLDINGS	CIRCULATION	REFERENCE INQUIRIES	PHOTOCOPIES MADE	PROGRAMS NO.	PROGRAMS ATTENDANCE
Arlington	42	7,456	18,707	63,008	22,567	8,128	72	1,055
Bay Ridge	56	15,855	46,215	227,622	25,468	23,820	243	5,503
Bedford	38	8,409	16,558	31,755	4,907	4,091	118	2,473
Borough Park	53	20,553	75,219	315,314	81,141	29,946	171	4,265
Brighton Beach	45	14,734	33,360	216,550	43,439	32,324	139	4,416
Brooklyn Heights (a)	56	27,168	52,245	272,176	64,625	-	425	8,237
Brower Park	35	5,991	16,562	48,468	8,294	2,525	175	4,566
Brownsville	36	5,372	15,355	40,967	24,668	-	182	3,162
Bushwick	39	5,543	22,669	70,228	10,531	2,398	115	3,339
Canarsie	50	15,648	29,804	178,535	46,512	17,489	245	6,266
Carroll Gardens (b)	41	5,638	32,516	49,103	20,629	-	89	2,317
Clarendon	40	9,117	18,456	92,304	22,003	6,691	36	1,019
Clinton Hill (c)	45	3,706	21,011	66,648	20,176	5,500	311	8,256
Coney Island	44	9,116	21,705	104,709	26,536	5,508	206	4,906
Crown Heights	42	8,160	22,011	76,076	20,117	4,178	211	5,057
Cypress Hills	36	3,647	10,285	42,737	18,757	-	168	3,133
DeKalb (d)	43	10,551	26,526	80,215	31,425	4,125	324	9,030
Dyker	46	5,139	22,209	114,898	11,535	3,519	216	3,702
East Flatbush	40	9,999	14,788	75,648	22,905	12,966	104	2,077
Eastern Parkway	49	16,737	27,186	95,175	28,616	14,594	259	5,768
Flatbush	53	19,301	35,515	211,829	44,424	30,215	174	4,410
Flatlands	50	15,883	38,078	229,212	50,712	14,246	205	5,234
Fort Hamilton	44	8,977	21,934	104,834	24,633	6,219	56	1,230
Gerritsen Beach	32	1,408	6,623	31,663	7,482	-	-	-
Gravesend	42	8,552	25,785	98,321	10,441	16,578	144	2,810
Greenpoint	48	10,454	23,982	93,474	7,012	6,605	152	3,253
Highlawn	48	12,629	26,830	147,905	23,338	23,699	156	3,121
Homecrest	44	5,731	25,264	116,267	28,804	9,297	108	1,908
Jamaica Bay	41	7,573	28,218	164,906	25,236	5,938	335	8,283
Kensington	44	9,267	29,471	152,679	21,369	9,608	217	4,850
Kings Bay	56	18,385	60,837	308,120	70,589	40,644	138	3,054
Kings Highway	56	20,709	77,055	294,986	51,270	48,951	71	1,098
Leonard	39	5,941	21,586	44,139	2,623	6,784	131	2,713
L.W. 1 (e)	37½	5,780	28,131	35,218	23,380	-	-	-
L.W. 2		5,641		39,765	22,207	-	-	-
McKinley Park	42	9,733	20,589	96,230	11,263	7,226	128	2,433
Macon	38	5,219	13,117	28,322	5,940	-	35	493
Mapleton	44	12,784	37,927	215,469	50,384	11,332	146	2,669
Marcy	44	10,968	11,209	50,011	7,086	2,712	178	4,010
Midwood	53	18,820	38,075	267,663	45,933	43,042	225	6,803
Mill Basin (f)	45	9,073	21,253	134,882	31,003	10,496	121	1,971
New Lots	46	14,271	23,707	76,412	19,304	12,146	136	4,805
New Utrecht	56	19,053	56,434	213,703	58,397	30,039	195	1,711
Pacific	38	5,060	11,249	40,586	8,249	-	90	1,530
Paerdegat	45	11,664	32,829	187,796	23,698	10,455	374	6,865

AGENCY	HOURS OPEN WEEKLY	REGISTERED BORROWERS	HOLDINGS	CIRCULATION	REFERENCE INQUIRIES	PHOTOCOPIES MADE	PROGRAMS NO.	PROGRAMS ATTENDANCE
Park Slope (g)	50	14,311	39,494	132,452	21,121	8,183	111	2,112
Red Hook (h)	35	5,166	15,620	42,165	4,577	-	97	1,774
Rugby	50	11,503	29,474	129,905	24,695	22,571	189	2,796
Ryder	42	6,154	21,281	102,929	17,409	7,327	168	2,364
Saratoga	40	11,646	10,527	55,295	7,177	3,362	223	3,661
Sheepshead Bay	48	10,577	30,937	174,529	24,678	25,085	134	3,393
Stone Avenue	35½	6,049	12,969	52,391	11,660	2,641	181	4,326
Sunset Park	39	15,162	26,248	142,965	26,238	7,356	213	5,735
Ulmer Park	46	7,606	19,215	107,997	22,598	9,652	180	3,654
Van/Kiosk (i)	-	902	-	9,505	-	-	-	-
Walt Whitman	39	5,723	16,734	40,491	7,069	-	85	1,805
Washington Irving	40	7,635	9,996	51,225	10,619	4,317	83	2,745
Williamsburgh (j)	40	11,048	73,760	99,654	19,649	6,109	36	1,307
Windsor Terrace	42	6,746	24,503	83,961	8,087	6,546	114	3,117
BRANCH TOTAL	2,508	601,643	1,589,843	6,871,992	1,435,205	627,183	9,138	202,590
Central Library (k)	67	90,602	1,877,532	824,288	730,121	91,082	583	31,248
Business Library (l)	53	-	194,813	-	87,077	101,398	9	223
GRAND TOTAL	2,628	692,245	3,662,188	7,696,280	2,252,403	819,663	9,730	234,061
% of change	+.45%	+5.8%	-.25%	+6.4%	+12.8%	N.A.	+3.9%	+4.5%

FOOTNOTES:

(a) Registered borrowers and circulation figures include Business Library data; program figures include Reading Improvement statistics (see separate listing).
(b) Closed April 14, 1975 in temporary quarters; reopened May 22, 1975 in rehabilitated building.
(c) Opened November 19, 1974.
(d) Closed March 10, 1975 in temporary quarters; reopened April 9, 1975 in rehabilitated building.
(e) Service discontinued June 24, 1975 due to budget cuts.
(f) Closed September 12, 1974 in old quarters; reopened October 16, 1974 in new building.
(g) Name changed from Prospect.
(h) Closed February 10, 1975 in old quarters; reopened March 17, 1975 in new building.
(i) Service terminated during year due to budget cuts.
(j) Closed May 5, 1975 in temporary quarters; reopened June 26, 1975 in rehabilitated building.
(k) See separate listing for holdings breakdown.
(l) Primarily a reference library for the business and student community; statistics for circulation and registered borrowers are included in totals for Brooklyn Heights Branch which shares same building. Photocopier figure includes Brooklyn Heights data. See separate listing for holdings breakdown.

Because of extreme heat and humidity the Library lost 603:00 hours of service in July 1974; 484:45 hours in August 1974; 109:00 hours in September 1974; 24:30 hours in May 1975; 239:30 hours in June 1975, and an additional 4:00 hours in June 1975 due to air-conditioning breakdown. Blizzard conditions on Lincoln's Birthday (February 12, 1975) resulting in reduced holiday service hours. Lack of heat, mechanical and equipment failures, staff shortages and other emergency situations resulted in the loss of 136 additional days of service throughout the library system during the year.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

	Holdings	Circulation
Books (1)	1,253,768	735,590
Films and Film strips (2)	2,462	34,946
Folders	64,407	9,399
Framed Pictures	468	439
Micromaterials:		
Microcards	92,822	
Microfiche	14,878	
Microfilms	25,938	
Microprints	382,035	
Records & Cassettes	15,196	43,914
WNYC Collection	25,558	
TOTAL	1,877,532	824,288

(1) Includes books in Administration and Cataloging Department.
(2) Films and Film strips borrowed were shown 39,529 times to audiences of 633,235, up 42.1% and down 13.7% respectively over the previous year.

BUSINESS LIBRARY

	Holdings
Books	84,059
Micromaterials:	
Microcards	32,960
Microfiche	37,027
Microfilms	8,498
Microprints	32,269
TOTAL	194,813

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & SERVICES:

READING IMPROVEMENT:

Number of sessions	232
Attendance	3,125

COMMUNITY COORDINATORS:

Number of programs and meetings	586
Attendance	26,190
Registration	2,218
Circulation	7,688

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TELLERS:

Number of programs	3,698
Attendance	54,868

TELEPHONE REFERENCE SERVICE:

Central Library	31,833
Business Library	27,248

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77TH ANNUAL REPORT 1974-1975

The Brooklyn Public Library was authorized by Act of Legislature approved May 3, 1892 and amended in 1897 ... established by resolution of the Brooklyn Common Council, November 30, 1896 ... opened in December, 1897 ... consolidated with the Brooklyn Library under Act of Legislature approved April 15, 1902 and amended in 1903.

Although the Brooklyn Public Library is supported chiefly by tax funds, it welcomes gifts or bequests from those interested in supporting its work. Under the Revenue Act of 1964 the deduction for charitable contributions was liberalized in regard to gifts to libraries.

A gift of money may be made in the following words: "I give and bequeath to the Brooklyn Public Library the sum of ..... dollars."

If the gift is of personal property other than money, the bequest may read as follows: "I give and bequeath to the Brooklyn Public Library (here describe the property) ...."

A gift of real property may be worded in this way: "I give and devise to the Brooklyn Public Library the following described real property (here describe the property)..... ....."

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BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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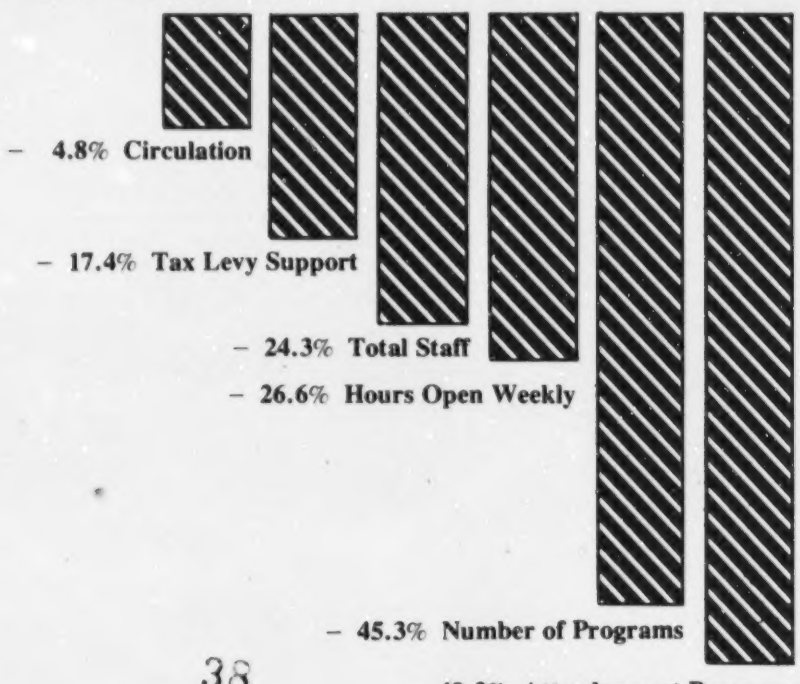
+ 14.7% State/Federal Support

+ 6.0% Reference Inquiries

+ 1.6% Holdings

Percentage of change from previous year

& DOWN



– 4.8% Circulation

– 17.4% Tax Levy Support

– 24.3% Total Staff

– 26.6% Hours Open Weekly

– 45.3% Number of Programs

– 49.3% Attendance at Programs

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Honorable Abraham D. Beame, Mayor, and The Honorable Board of Estimate and City Council:

It is not an overstatement to say that the events of the year ending June 30, 1976 dealt the most severe blows to the Brooklyn Public Library that it has sustained since the Great Depression. In the total perspective of New York City's critical economic situation, the curtailing of library services is only a small shadow on the landscape, but it is the aspect for which the Board of Trustees has responsibility. It is a sober 78th Annual Report which I submit to you on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Through the first years of the 70s our annual reports have detailed a succession of minor service reductions, many of them offset by reorganization and additions of new branches. We have never secured adequate funds to demonstrate a program of the quality that Brooklyn's citizens deserve. We are nonetheless proud of the variety of past services considering the constraints of inadequate funding.

The lay-off of over 80 employees and loss of 91 more by resignation, retirement and separation—a total of 171 full-time staff members in the course of the year—and the termination of hundreds of part-time workers, has had a devastating impact on library service. The Director's report spells out the unfortunate consequences of the reductions.

Through this year we have kept the neighborhood branch system operating although at a reduced level. We have been heartened by the cooperation of our staff in their performance of new duties and in their commitment to library service as an essential ingredient of life in our city. The hundreds of thousands of library users have demonstrated their willingness to help in the fiscal crisis by adjusting to our reduced hours with a minimum of complaint.

The Board of Trustees has tried to anticipate the future of library service in the Borough within the framework of reduced funding. It has become clear to us that the network of branch services which has been built in the years since World War II cannot be maintained with support at the current level, much less with reductions in coming years. Each future reduction in funds will trigger an inevitable sequence: manpower loss and cuts in hours of service and programs.

The Library's administration and staff have made remarkable adjustments to the realities of the current fiscal condition, and the Board appreciates the resilience and doggedness of their positive reactions to the challenges inherent in the past year's operation.

We appreciate the efforts of those officials at various levels of government who have helped when and where they could, and are grateful for the support of our concerned citizens.

The generosity of the City's business community, for example, has enabled us to maintain our Business Library's service at nearly normal levels. We are grateful to those who are helping us staff this important component of our service.

I conclude this, my first report as President of the Brooklyn Public Library, with the hope that you, our elected officials, will be mindful even in a time of financial pressure, of how essential free library service is to the educational needs of our urban society.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Smith

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

An almost overwhelming depression has made this seventh of my annual reports the most difficult one I have prepared. Usually we have some notable achievement or highlight to describe or a response from our clientele to refocus the nature of the Brooklyn Public Library's service and its continuing contribution to the lives of individuals and groups. But 1975-76 presented challenges which, as the result of depleted staff, were met with answers generally unsatisfactory both to our users and staff.

As President Smith detailed in his report, the heavy staff losses mandated reduced services. Only with a one time grant of Economic Development Act Title X funds and with other federal assistance (CETA, Library Services and Construction Act) were we able to maintain the reduced schedule throughout the year.

Within the year the total number of positions provided by City tax levy funds dropped from 1,048 to 685, a 34.6% loss. Our total work force dropped from 1,201 to 909.

We have accommodated the enforced reductions primarily by altering the hours, services and programs in our branch libraries. Because all of our part-time workers, who shelve returned books and keep the collections in order, were laid off in July, the remaining full-time staff has had to perform these tasks mornings and the doors are closed as a result.

It was our estimate that reduction in hours open would reduce significantly the use of the branch libraries. As it turned out, the total number of books and other materials borrowed decreased by only 5% with a 27% decrease in hours of service. The work load remained essentially the same since even a small drop in the number of borrowers was offset by a 6% increase in the number of reference questions answered.

What this pattern of use indicates to us is that the need for library service was undiminished, and Brooklyn's library users adjusted their schedules to the enforced cuts. As with cuts in many other City services, the City residents' willingness and ability to cope with the fiscal crisis was demonstrated with a minimum of griping and bitterness.

The Library's staff made major adjustments to crisis operation, performing admirably and with great good will, to keep the service intact and functioning at a high level. The effects of the year's reduced operations are felt largely in the early retirement of a corps of experienced staff, a major reduction in our ability to provide proper maintenance to buildings and curtailment of the Library's community contacts and special programs both in and outside our libraries.

The people most effected are those who use the libraries in the mornings, especially senior citizens, preschool children and their parents, and students who have afternoon and evening shifts or classes. Since these are major segments of the Library's clientele, for many the cutbacks have meant increased difficulties in scheduling their daily activities.

In dealing with our shrinking service capabilities, we have increased our emphasis on cooperating with other program service institutions. The Library extends its utility and impact through joint projects with other community organizations and institutions. Many mutual benefit projects take place each year in all of the Library's branches.

It has been especially fruitful to cooperate with our neighbor, The Brooklyn Museum, on two significant activities—

• THE ART BOOKS FOR CHILDREN CITATIONS initiated by the Library and the Museum in 1973 honors illustrators and authors of books whose content and art work represent outstanding blends of literary and artistic concepts and execution. Recognizing the book as an art form and as an aesthetic experience, the awards are rapidly gaining a foothold in the country and abroad as one of the distinguished citations in publishing.

• BLACK/SOUTH AFRICA/CONTEMPORARY GRAPHICS AND TAPESTRIES, an exhibition, was mounted in both the Library and The Brooklyn Museum from April 26-May 15, 1976. Over 100 linocuts, etchings, aquatints and tapestries by young black South African artists, never before exhibited in the United States, were shown. The work of these artists gave a unique insight to the minds and lives of South African blacks. The colorful tapestries and a collection of over 250 books published in South Africa provided breadth to this view of the tip of the continent.

The Library joined the Brooklyn Educational and Cultural Alliance in 1976. This young consortium of private and public institutions has embarked on a series of promising routes, all designed to enhance and expand the joint capabilities of each. Chartered by the State, BECA represents a strong effort to focus on the viability of Brooklyn's resources in the life of the City.

The Brooklyn Arts and Culture Association, the Borough's arts council, is also a forceful ally of the Library. For several years joint programs and activities by the Library and BACA have made events available in many branch libraries.

To maintain contact at the executive level, the Administrators of Brooklyn Cultural Institutions (ABCI) meet monthly. This group effectively coordinates response to legislation and shares concerns which affect one or all of the institutions.

Of course, the Library's primary objectives are achieved on a one-to-one basis—providing the informational, educational, recreational materials needed by individuals. The Library's service is geared primarily to efficient and convenient response to the informational needs of Brooklyn's polyethnic population. When common interests are identified, our programming services reach groups of individuals with specially-tailored activities.

Our job-center, adult education and literacy programs are providing much needed services in a period of economic weakness. While the number of users of these services are only an infinitesimal fraction of Brooklyn's total population, to be able to help only a few hundred jobless, functional illiterates and adults eager to continue their education is a valuable contribution to individual lives and to the City's fabric.

At the start of the new year, we face more uncharted waters. With the fiscal crisis solution anchored to a three-year series of continuing reductions, 1976-77 will bring more layoffs of personnel and a drastic alteration of neighborhood library service. Over 25 branch libraries will have staff enough only to open two or three days a week. What impact this schedule will have is unknown, since the Library has had no previous experience with such severe cuts. Whether or not we can maintain these schedules with existing staff and year-long attrition is a troubling question.

The problems the Library faces are parallel to other City institutions and services. And, yet, it is our conviction that library service must have a higher priority if the City is to be populated by an articulate and informed citizenry.

Free educational and informational resources are a basic ingredient of democratic societies. That the United States conceived and made available free public libraries to serve that function is an achievement pointed to by the rest of the world. An aware, informed citizenry in these final years of the 20th century, when information pours out in confusing and ever-increasing volume and formats, is essential to making sound decisions. The public library's collections and services are a major source for all of the people, regardless of their innate abilities, their prejudices, their color or faith or age.

The free libraries of Brooklyn constitute a supplementary educational system—one especially important for all who are not enrolled in formal classes. They are the source of awakened intellects and of practical know-how for hundreds of thousands of growing minds. They undergird the noblest intentions of the Founding Fathers and provide the means for unfettered exploration of new fields, new horizons, new growth.

To translate these excellent aims into actuality requires only a tiny percentage of the City's annual expenditures. Each amount cut from the small Library budget has a direct relation to the availability of service.

In addressing this Annual Report to our elected officials, we point with pride to our commitment to serve—to produce at an acceptable maximum utilizing an unacceptable minimum. The people of Brooklyn deserve high quality library service; on their behalf we ask for the opportunity to provide it. The Library can anticipate only a further, devastating erosion of its capabilities if adequate funding is not restored.

Kenneth F. Duchac

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*Appointed November 1976

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE consists of the Officers of the Corporation and the Chairperson of each of the remaining Standing Committees.
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BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
CITY AND STATE APPROPRIATIONS
(From July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976) (Cents Omitted)

RECEIPTS	
Total Requisitioned	$14,730,760
DISBURSEMENTS	
Personnel Services	8,795,849
Books, Periodicals and Binding	2,413,870
Capital Budget Books	340,669
All Other Expenses	3,176,141
Total Disbursed	$14,726,529
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	$ 4,231

NOTE—Above receipts may be divided between Tax Levy, State Aid and Federal Aid Funds as follows:

Tax Levy	$ 9,260,318
Capital Funds (State Aid)	2,622,083
State Aid	2,227,495
Federal Aid (EEA)	620,864
TOTAL	$14,730,760

ADMINISTRATION

Central Library (Ingersoll Building)
Grand Army Plaza
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11238
636-3111

Director Kenneth F. Duchac

Deputy Director Larry Brandwein

Assistant Director Philip Adam

Business Manager/Director of Finance Murray Berman

Superintendent of Branches Dorothy Harris

Assistant Superintendent of Branches Shirley Schickler

Adult Services Coordinator Roy D. Miller, Jr.

Assistant Adult Services Coordinator Peter Mehlin

Children's Services Coordinator Marguerite Dodson

Assistant Children's Services Coordinator
Mary Brenda Riontino

Coordinator of Outreach Services Bessie L. Bullock

Acquisitions Coordinator Paul E. Hoffmann

Cataloging Coordinator Dallas Shawkey

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Methods Analyst Thomas J. Tennyson

Director of Personnel John R. Canham

Director of Purchase Bernard B. Wysocki

Director of Security John C. Delany

Administrative Assistant to the Director Arlene D. Moran

Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Director
Kenneth Fahlberg

Chief of Administrative Services Mae E. Stuhler

Director of Public Relations Irene E. Moran

AGENCIES

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Grand Army Plaza (11238)
636-3111
Monday-Thursday 9-8; Friday and
Saturday 10-6; Sunday 1-5

Chief, Central Library Dorothy Nyren

Chief of Clerical Operations Walter J. Ray, Jr.

DIVISIONS

Art/Music William R. Johnson
Audio-Visual Kenneth Axthelm
Children's Room Roberta Levine
History/Biography/Religion Gertrude Bartel
Information Desk Rochelle Strauss
Languages/Literature/Fiction Monte Olenick
Science/Industry Walter Wolff
Social Science/Philosophy Lillian Tudiver
Telephone Reference Rochelle Alper
Youth Services Ruth Roth

BUSINESS LIBRARY

280 Cadman Plaza West at Clinton St. (11201)
636-3281

Monday 12-9; Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday 12-6; Wednesday 10-6;
Saturday 11-3
Sylvia Mechanic

BRANCHES

Arlington 277-0160
203 Arlington Ave. at Warwick St. (11207)
Elizabeth DaSilva

Bay Ridge 748-3042
7223 Ridge Blvd. at 73rd St. (11209)
Carol Wadsworth

Bedford 638-9544
496 Franklin Ave. at Hancock St. (11238)
Clara Mayer

Borough Park 435-3375
1265 43rd St. nr. 13th Ave. (11219)
Donald Schade

Brighton Beach 266-0005
16 Brighton 1st Rd. nr. Brighton Beach Ave. (11235)
Liora Levine

Brooklyn Heights 636-3288
280 Cadman Plaza West at Clinton St. (11201)
Michael Bocamazo

Brower Park 778-6262
725 St. Mark's Ave. nr. Nostrand Ave. (11216)
Doris Graham

Brownsville 345-1212
61 Glenmore Ave. at Watkins St. (11212)
Anna Fluker

Bushwick 443-1078
340 Bushwick Ave. at Seigel St. (11206)
Redette Phillips

Canarsie 257-2180
1580 Rockaway Pkwy. nr. Ave. J (11236)
Shirley Goldberg

Carroll Gardens 625-5838
396 Clinton St. at Union St. (11231)
Antoinette Ognibene

Clarendon 434-3620
2035 Nostrand Ave. nr. Farragut Rd. (11210)
Mary Jo Cullinan

Clinton Hill 857-8038
380 Washington Ave. nr. Lafayette Ave. (11238)
Doris Lyda

Coney Island 266-1121
1901 Mermaid Ave. at West 19th St. (11224)
Jessie Yeh

Crown Heights 773-1223
560 New York Ave. at Maple St. (11225)
Beverly Vance

Cypress Hills 277-8257
465 Fountain Ave. nr. Hegeman Ave. (11208)
Arlecia Todd

De Kalb 452-5678
784 Bushwick Ave. at DeKalb Ave. (11221)
James Baron

Dyker 748-1395
8202 13th Ave. at 82nd St. (11228)
Lawrence Jankner

East Flatbush 498-0033
9612 Church Ave. nr. Rockaway Pkwy. (11212)
Sara Trolinger

Eastern Parkway 756-5150
1044 Eastern Pkwy. at Schenectady Ave. (11213)
Frances Ricks

Flatbush 282-2017
22 Linden Blvd. nr. Flatbush Ave. (11226)
Johanna Spiess

Flatlands 252-6115
2065 Flatbush Ave. at Ave. P (11234)
Thomas Brannin

Fort Hamilton 745-5502
9424 Fourth Ave. at 95th St. (11209)
Phyllis Levine

Gerritsen Beach 743-3040
2712 Gerritsen Ave. at Everett Ave. (11229)
Mollie Feir

Gravesend 376-9311
303 Ave. X nr. West 2nd St. (11223)
Eleana Purvis

Greenpoint 383-6692
107 Norman Ave. at Leonard St. (11222)
Marie Ciervo

Highlawn 837-1700
1664 W. 13th St. at Kings Highway (11223)
Virginia Manbeck

Homecrest 645-2727
2525 Coney Island Ave. nr. Ave. V (11223)
Mira Niessner

Jamaica Bay 531-1602
9727 Sea View Ave. at E. 98th St. (11236)
Edward Jelen

Kensington 436-0525
410 Ditmas Ave. nr. E. 5th St. (11218)
Ruth Ramsey

Kings Bay 332-5656
3650 Nostrand Ave. nr. Ave. W (11229)
Anne Jourdan

Kings Highway 375-3037
2115 Ocean Ave. nr. Kings Highway (11229)
Irwin Nussbaum

Leonard 387-3800
81 Devoe St. at Leonard St. (11211)
Hester Olsen

Mc Kinley Park 748-5800
6802 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy. at 68th St. (11219)
Anna Balem

Macon (Temporarily closed) 453-3333
374 Lewis Ave. at Macon St. (11233)
Vivian Henderson

Mapleton 232-0346
1702 60th St. at 17th Ave. (11204)
Dorothy Harris

Marcy 858-1828
617 DeKalb Ave. nr. Nostrand Ave. (11216)
Robert Lewis

Midwood 377-7972
975 E. 16th St. nr. Ave. J (11230)
James Byrns

Mill Basin 763-8700
2385 Ralph Ave. at Ave. N (11234)
Ella Sullivan

New Lots 649-3700
665 New Lots Ave. at Barbey St. (11207)
Doris Gustafson

New Utrecht 236-4086
1743 86th St. at Bay 17th St. (11214)
Robert Ferrara

Pacific 638-5180
25 Fourth Ave. at Pacific St. (11217)
Sonja Davis

Paerdegat 763-4848
850 E. 59th St. nr. Flatlands Ave. (11234)
Marilyn Chandler

Park Slope 768-0593
431 Sixth Ave. at 9th St. (11215)
Thelma Black

Red Hook 875-4412
7 Wolcott St. at Dwight St. (11231)
Shirley Townes

Rugby 345-9264
1000 Utica Ave. nr. Tilden Ave. (11203)
Georgette Clark

Ryder 232-5064
5902 23rd Ave. at 59th St. (11204)
Joan Neumann

Saratoga 455-3078
8 Hopkinson Ave. at Macon St. (11233)
Douglas James

Sheepshead Bay 743-0663
2636 E. 14th St. nr. Ave. Z (11235)
Sylvia Glasser

Stone Avenue 385-3737
581 Stone Ave. at Dumont Ave. (11212)
Lola Eigen

Sunset Park 439-8846
5108 Fourth Ave. at 51st St. (11220)
Aggi Gundersen

Ulmer Park 266-7373
2602 Bath Ave. at 26th Ave. (11214)
George Monsell

Walt Whitman 855-1508
93 St. Edwards St. at Auburn Pl. (11205)
Martha Bettis

Washington Irving 386-6212
360 Irving Ave. at Woodbine St. (11227)
Ergus Alleyne

Williamsburgh 782-4600
240 Division Ave. at Marcy Ave. (11211)
Joel Silberstein

Windsor Terrace 853-7265
160 E. 5th St. at Ft. Hamilton Pkwy. (11218)
Elizabeth Duncumb

REGIONAL LIBRARY OFFICE

New Utrecht 236-1760
% New Utrecht Library
John Gettys, Regional Librarian
(Responsible for: New Utrecht, Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Dyker, Gravesend, Highlawn, Homecrest, Mapleton, Ryder, Ulmer Park)

DISTRICT LIBRARY OFFICES

Bay Ridge 748-3031
% Bay Ridge Library
Jeanette Judkins, District Librarian
(Responsible for: Bay Ridge, Fort Hamilton, McKinley Park, Sunset Park)

De Kalb*
% DeKalb Library
Terry Dunlavy, District Librarian
(Responsible for: DeKalb, Macon, Saratoga, Washington Irving)

New Lots 649-1360
% New Lots Library
Roland Laird, District Librarian
(Responsible for: New Lots, Arlington, Brownsville, Cypress Hills, Stone Avenue)

Park Slope 768-2648
% Park Slope Library
Alfred Gallo, District Librarian
(Responsible for: Park Slope, Carroll Gardens, Pacific, Red Hook, Windsor Terrace)

Williamsburgh 782-4659
% Williamsburgh Library
Theresa Huang, District Librarian
(Responsible for: Williamsburgh, Bushwick, Greenpoint, Leonard, Marcy, Walt Whitman)

*Combined with Williamsburgh into Williamsburgh Regional, July 1, 1976.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

COORDINATOR OF OUTREACH SERVICES
Bessie L. Bullock
%New Lots Library/649-3665

COMMUNITY COORDINATORS
Bedford-Stuyvesant area
Natalia Davis
%Bedford Library/638-4313

Red Hook-Cobble Hill area
Frederick John
%Pacific Library/638-5010

JOB INFORMATION CENTER
Greta Maloney/Izabella Zager
%Central Library/636-3137

LEARN YOUR WAY
Susan Kaiser
%Central Library/636-3132

Vaughn Smith
%New Lots Library/649-3700

Elizabeth Lukacs
%New Utrecht Library/236-4086

SAGE (Service for the Aging)
Grace Shanahan
%Kings Highway Library/376-3577

READING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Richard Keller
%Brooklyn Heights Library/636-3297

BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET—
As At June 30, 1976 (Cents Omitted)

ASSETS

CASH - in Banks and Imprest Fund			$2,107,574
RECEIVABLES			
Due from - City of New York		$ 377,889(A)	
- State of New York - N.Y.S.I.L.L.		5,199	
Bookmobile Service Trust—Model Cities		63,427	
Deposits, claims receivable, etc.		18,035	
TOTAL RECEIVABLES			464,550
INVESTMENTS			
	Market Value	Cost	
Stocks	$757,733	$723,862	723,862
Bonds			
New York City	375,000	499,500	
Other	717,637	749,273	
	$1,092,637	$1,248,773	1,248,773
Loan			1,350(B)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			1,973,985
TOTAL ASSETS			$4,546,109

(A) Represents:

Outstanding warrants	$ 494,036
Less - Warrants approved and paid to vendors subsequent to June 30, 1976	173,161
Outstanding warrants	320,875
Add - Expenditures in current fiscal year in excess of City budget (Warrants submitted July 1976 and collected subsequently)	57,014
NET	$ 377,889

(B) Represents balance of original loan of $35,000.

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

LIABILITIES		
Due New York City - State Aid	$1,186,605(C)	
- (Note below)	127,792(D)	$1,314,397
Due State of New York - Re: L.S.C.A. Projects (Net)		271,539
Staff - Savings bonds	690	
- Union dues	4,377	
- Other	97	5,164
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,591,100
FUNDS		
Trustees	$2,380,741	
Endowment	359,202	
Funds Other than endowment	16,261	
David A. Boody Foundation	100,620	
Pay Collection	79,385	
Scholarship Fund of Brooklyn Public Library Staff Association	18,800	
TOTAL FUNDS		2,955,009
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS		$4,546,109

(C) Refunded to City August 16, 1976.

(D) City appropriation adjustments not as yet refunded to the City.

Board of Trustees of
Brooklyn Public Library
Grand Army Plaza
Brooklyn, New York 11238

Gentlemen:

We have examined the balance sheet of the Brooklyn Public Library as at June 30, 1976. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet presents fairly the financial position of the Brooklyn Public Library as at June 30, 1976, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

FLUHR, MASSEN & COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

New York, N.Y.
August 25, 1976

STATISTICS

July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

Statistics are at best an incomplete barometer of library use, but in this expanded statistical coverage, the Library is attempting to convey the extent of the commitment of its staff and resources to a broad range of library service in Brooklyn.

HOURS OPEN WEEKLY: the number of hours each library is open to the public most of the year; hours are reduced during summer months.
REGISTERED BORROWERS: the number of individuals with valid library cards issued at each library entitling them to borrow materials from any agency of the Brooklyn Public Library.
HOLDINGS: cataloged books, periodicals, micromaterials, records and cassettes.
CIRCULATION: borrowing of any holdings for use outside the library; each loan counts only as a single circulation unit: whether 50 people see a film, one person reads a book, or 200 appreciate a framed picture in a home or office.

REFERENCE INQUIRIES: informational questions asked at each library, either at an information or reference desk, by mail or over the telephone.
PROGRAMS: range from story sessions for preschool children to dramatic presentations for adults; from crochet classes for young people to social security sessions for senior citizens; from film shows to street fairs; from visits to day care centers to visits to prisons.
PHOTOCOPIES MADE: photocopier machines are used by the public to make copies of pages, articles, or sections of printed material in lieu of borrowing circulating items, or hand copying from reference books which cannot be borrowed.

AGENCY	HOURS OPEN WEEKLY	REGISTERED BORROWERS	HOLDINGS	CIRCULATION	REFERENCE INQUIRIES	PROGRAMS NO.	PROGRAMS ATTENDANCE	PHOTOCOPIES MADE
Arlington	27	6,816	17,755	52,852	3,767	18	391	4,666
Bay Ridge	40	15,446	46,417	211,515	31,665	202	4,748	11,070
Bedford	35	8,459	18,351	37,825	10,247	69	1,354	2,629
Borough Park	42	19,998	78,067	303,500	66,867	116	2,237	11,873
Brighton Beach	32	14,011	33,581	203,754	81,598	144	3,705	8,640
Brooklyn Heights (a)	42	26,744	49,418	256,156	57,100	303	3,608	—
Brower Park	35	6,066	14,726	52,567	11,305	76	2,144	2,676
Brownsville	32	4,986	15,211	37,430	11,783	102	2,048	28
Bushwick	32	5,248	19,997	66,028	9,258	69	2,468	2,000
Canarsie	31	13,170	30,969	143,639	35,836	70	881	9,264
Carroll Gardens	31	5,256	35,278	76,715	20,176	55	2,264	4,420
Clarendon	27	8,882	18,597	98,999	22,614	15	420	5,703
Clinton Hill	35	7,345	25,429	89,441	27,987	318	7,707	1,753
Coney Island	34	9,075	22,009	84,743	15,044	61	1,841	2,684
Crown Heights	31	8,462	22,079	72,819	10,471	79	2,362	5,027
Cypress Hills	30	3,461	8,604	31,896	17,584	18	284	—
DeKalb	37	11,034	24,485	96,457	37,795	130	3,559	4,518
Dyker	31	7,183	23,944	98,338	15,646	129	2,281	4,278
East Flatbush	29	9,434	12,327	67,806	16,272	29	606	5,336
Eastern Parkway	29	15,745	26,775	94,467	26,826	65	1,724	6,352
Flatbush	27	18,770	33,869	177,469	56,873	37	629	11,845
Flatlands	31	15,160	38,375	219,972	50,926	66	2,108	10,491
Fort Hamilton	31	8,662	22,568	101,486	21,602	70	1,027	4,161
Gerritsen Beach	30	1,355	6,864	33,350	8,317	—	—	—
Gravesend	31	8,207	26,539	92,508	10,354	30	830	4,363
Greenpoint	27	9,101	22,989	86,087	7,018	53	927	3,133
Highlawn	31	11,612	26,466	137,571	12,729	79	1,392	6,866
Homecrest	31	5,549	26,276	122,466	30,181	46	579	4,565
Jamaica Bay	30	9,835	29,159	153,756	30,109	182	4,151	4,628
Kensington	31	9,730	29,751	158,247	25,270	217	4,841	9,914
Kings Bay	38	17,942	62,554	298,755	75,076	55	948	16,160
Kings Highway	42	20,997	76,304	325,690	75,565	57	1,090	18,096
Leonard	31	5,838	13,403	40,345	3,208	82	1,261	4,259
L.W. 1 & 2 (b)	—	7,592	28,131	—	—	—	—	—
McKinley Park	31	8,969	20,830	94,357	12,561	111	2,312	5,227
Macon (c)	30	4,502	14,622	24,288	6,056	—	—	—
Mapleton	31	12,662	39,740	209,434	43,425	75	827	8,974
Marcy	35	9,559	14,365	33,685	7,942	46	1,082	2,277
Midwood	34	17,951	35,589	241,509	66,726	121	3,180	7,648
Mill Basin	36	9,750	22,459	150,862	33,443	55	1,081	6,598
New Lots	39	14,201	22,321	81,962	25,156	99	2,394	6,047
New Utrecht	44	17,787	56,663	209,102	48,529	90	740	14,969
Pacific (d)	28	4,705	13,285	41,358	7,442	14	363	326
Paerdegat	36	11,046	31,922	190,663	27,246	194	2,830	7,259
Park Slope	27	13,466	40,950	118,167	30,497	106	2,537	5,979

AGENCY	HOURS OPEN WEEKLY	REGISTERED BORROWERS	HOLDINGS	CIRCULATION	REFERENCE INQUIRIES	PROGRAMS NO.	PROGRAMS ATTENDANCE	PHOTOCOPIES MADE
Red Hook	31	5,807	15,839	39,688	7,624	51	1,373	1,917
Rugby	37	10,216	29,098	103,532	18,956	110	1,596	11,603
Ryder	31	6,196	21,818	106,316	17,131	70	1,329	4,618
Saratoga	31	11,667	11,214	52,506	4,915	113	2,859	3,182
Sheepshead Bay	32	10,062	28,445	162,357	41,152	47	992	10,617
Stone Avenue	30	6,681	11,484	50,041	5,756	146	2,704	2,960
Sunset Park	25	14,197	25,324	108,288	21,675	143	3,723	5,045
Ulmer Park	31	7,696	20,105	109,431	24,822	80	1,088	6,421
Van/Kiosk (e)	—	902	—	—	—	—	—	—
Walt Whitman	30	5,286	16,849	31,286	7,938	20	440	805
Washington Irving	31	8,714	12,395	46,678	11,695	72	2,020	2,478
Williamsburgh	40	10,954	75,698	136,078	36,687	143	3,585	4,580
Windsor Terrace	30	6,095	24,635	75,961	7,168	22	764	5,234
BRANCH TOTAL	1,823	586,242	1,592,917	6,542,198	1,451,611	4,970	106,234	316,162
Central Library (f)	64	93,292	1,917,308	779,316	819,629	345	11,640	97,718
Business Library (g)	42	—	210,614	—	115,460	10	675	54,657
GRAND TOTAL	1,929	679,534	3,720,839	7,321,514	2,386,700	5,325	118,549	468,537
1974/1975	2,628	692,245	3,662,188	7,696,280	2,252,403	9,730	234,061	819,663
Change	-699	-12,711	+58,651	-374,766	+134,297	-4,405	-115,512	-351,126
% of Change	-26.6%	-1.8%	+1.6%	-4.8%	+6.0%	-45.3%	-49.3%	-42.8%

FOOTNOTES:
(a) Registered borrowers and circulation figures include Business Library data; program figures include Reading Improvement statistics (see separate listing).
(b) Service discontinued June 24, 1975 due to budget crisis.
(c) Permanent building closed July 20, 1973 for rehabilitation; temporary quarters declared unsafe and closed June 1, 1976.
(d) Temporary quarters closed October 15, 1975; re-opened in rehabilitated permanent building November 19, 1975.
(e) Service discontinued February 11, 1975 at van, March 1975 at kiosk, due to budget crisis.
(f) See separate listing for holdings/circulation breakdown.
(g) Primarily a reference library for the business and student community. Photocopier figure includes Brooklyn Heights data. See separate listing for holdings breakdown.
— Due to budget cuts, major reductions in system-wide hours of service were made July 1 and October 1, 1975; minor revisions were made subsequently on an individual basis at some libraries.
— Service on four holidays (Columbus Day, Election Day, Veterans Day and Lincoln's Birthday) was discontinued at the 18 libraries previously open.
— Staff shortages directly affected hours of service to some degree on 121 days at 25 libraries during the year...ranging from shortened hours to days lost.
— Lack of heat, mechanical and equipment failures and other emergency situations resulted in the loss of an additional 108 days of service at 30 libraries during the year.
— Because of extreme heat and humidity, the library lost 682 hours of service in July 1975; an additional four hours during July 1975 due to a breakdown in an air-conditioning unit; 529 hours in August 1975; 14:30 hours in April 1976 and 215:45 hours in June 1976.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

	Holdings	Circulation
Books (1)	1,284,337	706,400
Films & Film Strips (2)	3,031	18,931
Folders	69,439	9,490
Framed Pictures	468	342
Micromaterials:		
Microcards	92,822	
Microfiche	18,245	
Microfilms	27,260	
Microprints	401,475	
Records & Cassettes	17,815	43,983
Slides (new '76)	2,416	170
TOTAL	1,917,308	779,316

(1) Includes books in Administration and Cataloging Department.
(2) Films and Film strips borrowed were shown 21,329 times to audiences of 334,550, down 46.0% and 47.2% respectively over the past year.

BUSINESS LIBRARY

	Holdings
Books	87,349
Micromaterials:	
Microcards	32,960
Microfiche	49,146
Microfilms	8,890
Microprints	32,269
TOTAL	210,614

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & SERVICES:

READING IMPROVEMENT:

Number of sessions	164
Attendance	2,022

COMMUNITY COORDINATORS:

Number of programs and meetings	715
Attendance	16,044
Registration	833
Circulation	10,034

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TELLERS:

Number of programs	3,533
Attendance	65,200
Registration	68
Circulation	27,513

TELEPHONE REFERENCE SERVICE:

Central Library	27,564
Business Library	28,760

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78TH ANNUAL REPORT 1975-1976

The Brooklyn Public Library was authorized by Act of Legislature approved May 3, 1892 and amended in 1897 ... established by resolution of the Brooklyn Common Council, November 30, 1896 ... opened in December, 1897 ... consolidated with the Brooklyn Library under Act of Legislature approved April 15, 1902 and amended in 1903.

Although the Brooklyn Public Library is supported chiefly by tax funds, it welcomes gifts or bequests from those interested in supporting its work. Under the Revenue Act of 1964 the deduction for charitable contributions was liberalized in regard to gifts to libraries.

A gift of money may be made in the following words: "I give and bequeath to the Brooklyn Public Library the sum of ..... dollars."

If the gift is of personal property other than money, the bequest may read as follows: "I give and bequeath to the Brooklyn Public Library (here describe the property) ..... ."

A gift of real property may be worded in this way: "I give and devise to the Brooklyn Public Library the following described real property (here describe the property) ..... ."

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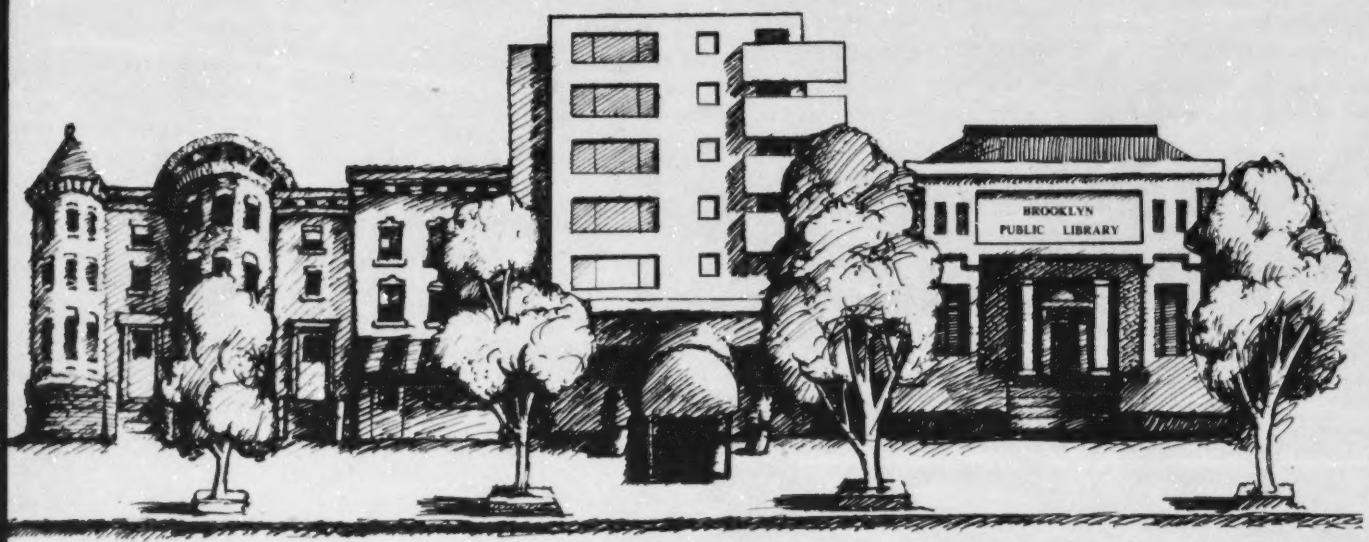
79th annual report
1976/1977



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Report of the President

The Honorable Abraham D. Beame, Mayor, and the Honorable Board of Estimate and City Council:

The 79th Annual Report of the Brooklyn Public Library for the year ending June 30, 1977 is transmitted herewith on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

This has been the most demanding year the Library has faced in the years since World War II. It is with a sense of modified relief that we moved into the 1977-78 year with the library system intact and our branches again serving as accessible neighborhood centers.

The Trustees have been extremely aware of their responsibilities as community representatives, and have made hard decisions, including a new policy permitting the closing of branch libraries when funds will not permit economical use of part-time facilities. Every difficult choice made during the year was based on sound data and prolonged and thorough discussion during which probable impact and community response were carefully weighed. That these decisions were made by the entire Board is evidence of the commitment and seriousness of its members.

The Trustees are most grateful for the positive response which you have given to our fiscal problems this year. While we cannot approach the high quality of service of which we are capable, the 1977-78 level of support provides a service consistent with the strained fiscal condition of the City and with the other City-supported functions.

The performance of the Library's staff in this crucial year was highly commendable. Brooklyn is fortunate to have a corps of library employees who accomplished the year's difficult tasks professionally and in a businesslike manner.

We are pleased to welcome Trustees Benjamin Pacheco and Harold Foner to Board membership. With the completion of Trustee Albert Casazza's term and his wish not to be reappointed, we miss an articulate member and acknowledge his years of helpful service.

Despite the hardships of this past year, the Library operation maintained its place in Brooklyn within the effective constraints. The overwhelming support of the borough's citizens expressed during the spring months, calls on us to continue our best efforts to fill the educational, informational and recreational needs our collections and personnel deliver. We will use our resources to that end.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Smith

Report of the Director

It was probably a proper conjunction of "lows": in the coldest New York City winter in the past century, the Brooklyn Public Library's service was at its lowest ebb, certainly since World War II and, in some regards, perhaps since its establishment.

Were that the total content of this Annual Report, it would again be a document so dismal to construct that it would be tempting to delay it.

The silver linings and the clouds turned out to be more than illusion and, for that reason, the developments of the year past and the prospects for the future are weighted with the promise of a new vitality for the Library and for its place in the machinery of city living.

From the very first day of July 1976, the second year of the fiscal crisis, the continued erosion of service was felt. A second round of layoffs so diminished the staff that 24 branches were "paired" and open only two or three days per week. Although the Library had laid off 80 employees in July 1975 and lost a further 91 due to attrition, during that first crisis year each branch library had maintained service for at least a part of five or six days each week. The July 1976 layoff of 48 additional employees presented the alternatives of either total closing of some branches or combining remaining branch staffs into one staff servicing two branches, both on part-time schedules.

The decision of the Board of Trustees to maintain partial service in each location rather than total closing of some branches was an expression of faith that the City would be able to provide funds for full service at some future date, as well as a practical, temporizing step in the face of unanswered questions regarding what could be done with closed branches — the buildings, the equipment and the book collections.

The vast internal effects upon staff and administrative operations were matched only by the adaptations required and inconveniences inflicted upon the Library's users. Since the Library had no experience with shrinking the system via "pairing," it was unprepared for the myriad complexities of the logistics involved. The seemingly simple matter of rearranging intra-system deliveries, for example, involved endless coordination of equipment, personnel and schedules. Methods for equitable shifting of staff in the many job titles affected, for reporting and statistics collection, for provision of adequate custodial and security services on closed days — these and many other problem areas required resolution in advance of initiating paired service.

The intelligence and thoroughness with which the administrative staff approached these problems resulted in a minimum of operational snags in implementing the program. The branch staffs — from the newest clerk to the most experienced librarian — faced their new situations with poise; many of them contributed to solutions to individual problems which had not been totally anticipated.

The pairing of these 24 branches in July was the first major reduction in service. During the fall months, only a small increase in State Aid enabled the Library to maintain the reduced schedules. Then, with attrition continuing and the loss of some Federally-funded workers in January, 16 more branches were paired. This low point continued for several months, with devastating effect upon staff morale, library users' dissatisfaction and a noticeable decline in the use of libraries, books and other materials.

The statistics for 1976-77 tallied elsewhere in this Report are not cheering news to the Library.

Even less cheering was the initial public response to half-time branch library service in the neighborhoods. During the July-December period, the Library heard only a few stifled, muttering sounds from individuals affected. There was no strong outcry. It is our belief that the message of austerity had been so strongly received — amidst firings of thousands of City employees, reductions of other services — that responsible and powerful neighborhood voices reasoned that tightened belts and half-full stomachs were to be borne with such grace as could be mustered.

The Library's determination that the rain should fall borough-wide meant that the geographic spread of

reduced service reached from Greenpoint to Coney Island, from Red Hook to East New York. In equality lay acceptance.

In the midst of the deep freeze of January, the contained acceptance of the late summer and fall turned into active opposition — opposition aimed at the political decisions which had enforced a second wave of service reductions.

The Board of Trustees had spent many months working out and adopting a survival policy which would provide for closing branch libraries as adversity struck. In January, the Board released its plan which showed that pairing would eventually have to be replaced with closing of as many as 20 library branches. The best estimates of funds to be available would not have provided for maintenance of 40 half-time buildings. (The Mayor had recommended an 8% reduction in the Expense Budget for 1977-78.)

Sparked by a coalition of students and an emerging community association, a sit-in was organized in the Ryder Branch Library, preceded by a late afternoon rally attended by the new Borough President, Howard Golden, and hundreds of residents. The sit-in, which was intended to be symbolic and not continuous, ended in 24 hours, but the first tremor of the earthquake had been felt.

At the urging of Library Trustee, Salvatore "Buddy" Scotto, and in response to concerns expressed by Pacific and Carroll Gardens Branch Library neighborhood groups, the Board of Trustees had provided a mechanism for establishing "Friends and Associates" of each branch library. In rapid succession, new Friends and Associates groups formed and added support to the battle for the 1977-78 budget. By the end of 1976, nine of these groups were recognized, organized and functioning. Although their primary function is to provide community liaison and support of program activities, as with any Brooklyn group they are not unaware of the political process. Their neighborhood service was threatened and they mobilized to protect their library interests. In addition to Friends groups, several block and neighborhood associations, local individuals, organizations and businesses contributed funds to replace broken windows and otherwise to make the efforts they could to fill the gaps created by the fiscal crisis.

The borough-wide Brooklyn Library Council joined the effort. With the strong backing of Borough President Golden, a unified position accepting no cut in the library budget was adopted and the by-now-familiar process of calling Councilmen, contacting the media and letter-writing was started.

In a two-week period prior to the final budget action, over 10,000 individual letters advocating no library cuts were received by Mayor Beame.

At the Borough Budget hearing, concerned citizens including authors, newspaper columnists and students, dominated an all-day session. One might have thought that libraries were the only budget problem in Brooklyn, if the public hearing provided the yardstick.

In this Report there is not space to detail the many heartening and encouraging events of the spring of 1977. The bottom line: such budget cuts in City funds as were made were replaced by the provision of 167 positions paid for by Federal CETA funds.

In the fall of 1977, all branch libraries, while not operating at pre-fiscal-crisis level, are providing five-and-six-day-a-week schedules of hours. The semblance of an acceptable pattern of service has returned.

It is gratifying to learn that citizens care, and that elected officials and the City's administration do respond when responsible requests are made. One hopes that the efforts of the past year have reminded all of us that the free library service for the entire city costs, in taxes, less than one percent of the City's annual budget for what vocal citizens regard as essential to the quality of urban living.

The library will continue its efforts to bring stability, vitality and value to the life of our millions of residents, hoping that the bottom reached in 1976-77 is not again approached.

Kenneth F. Duchac

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE consists of the Officers of the Corporation and the Chairperson of each of the remaining Standing Committees.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Mr. Weiner, Chairperson; Mr. Kriegel, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Unger.

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BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
CITY AND STATE APPROPRIATIONS
(From July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977) (Cents Omitted)

RECEIPTS	
Total Requisitioned	$14,146,533
DISBURSEMENTS	
Personnel Services	$ 8,699,645
Books, Periodicals and Bindings	2,089,742
Capital Budget Books	251,897
All Other Expenses	3,103,884
Total Disbursed	$14,145,168
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	$ 1,365

NOTE—Current receipts may be divided between Tax Levy, State Aid and Federal Aid Funds as follows:

Tax Levy	$ 9,091,045
Capital Funds (State Aid)	2,594,594
State Aid	2,227,495
Federal Aid (CETA)	233,399
TOTAL	$14,146,533

Administration

Central Library (Ingersoll Building)
Grand Army Plaza
Brooklyn, New York 11238
636-3111

DIRECTOR Kenneth F. Duchac
Administrative Assistant Arlene D. Moran

DEPUTY DIRECTOR Larry Brandwein
Administrative Assistant Kenneth Fahlberg

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Assistant Wilfred Ruck

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CENTRAL LIBRARY

Grand Army Plaza (11238)
636-3111
Monday-Thursday 9-8; Friday and Saturday 10-6; Sunday 1-5

Chief, Central Library Dorothy Harris

Assistant Chief Peter Mehlin

Chief of Clerical Operations Walter J. Ray, Jr.

DIVISIONS

Art/Music William R. Johnson
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Children's Room Roberta Levine
History/Biography/Religion Gertrude Bartel
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Social Science/ Philosophy Lillian Tudiver
Telephone Reference Rochelle Yates
Youth Services Ruth Roth

BUSINESS LIBRARY

280 Cadman Plaza West at Clinton St. (11201)
636-3281

Monday 12-9; Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday 12-6; Wednesday 10-6;
Saturday 11-3
Sylvia Mechanic

BRANCHES

Arlington 277-0160
203 Arlington Ave. at Warwick St. (11207)
Roland Laird

Bay Ridge 748-3042
7223 Ridge Blvd. at 73rd St. (11209)
Carol Wadsworth

Bedford 638-9544
496 Franklin Ave. at Hancock St. (11238)
Nanella Warren

Borough Park 435-3375
1265 43rd St. nr. 13th Ave. (11219)
Donald Schade

Brighton Beach 266-0005
16 Brighton 1st Rd. nr. Brighton Beach Ave. (11235)
Liora Levine

Brooklyn Heights 636-3288
280 Cadman Plaza West at Clinton St. (11201)
Terry Dunlavy

Brower Park 778-6262
725 St. Mark's Ave. nr. Nostrand Ave. (11216)
Nanella Warren

Brownsville 345-1212
61 Glenmore Ave. at Watkins St. (11212)
Betty Cartey

Bushwick 443-1078
340 Bushwick Ave. at Seigel St. (11206)
Oliver Kirkpatrick

Canarsie 257-2180
1580 Rockaway Pkwy. nr. Ave. J (11236)
Mary Jo Cullinan

Carroll Gardens 625-5838
396 Clinton St. at Union St. (11231)
Judith Susser

Clarendon 434-3620
2035 Nostrand Ave. nr. Farragut Rd. (11210)
Ruth Ramsey

Clinton Hill 857-8038
380 Washington Ave. nr. Lafayette Ave. (11238)
Doris Lyda

Coney Island 266-1121
1901 Mermaid Ave. at West 19th St. (11224)
Jessie Yeh

Crown Heights 773-1223
560 New York Ave. at Maple St. (11225)
Frances Ricks

Cypress Hills 277-8257
465 Fountain Ave. nr. Hegeman Ave. (11208)
Roland Laird

De Kalb 452-5678
784 Bushwick Ave. at DeKalb Ave. (11221)
Edward Jelen

Dyker 748-1395
8202 13th Ave. at 82nd St. (11228)
Jessie Yeh

East Flatbush 498-0033
9612 Church Ave. nr. Rockaway Pkwy. (11212)
Sara Trolinger

Eastern Parkway 756-5150
1044 Eastern Pkwy. at Schenectady Ave. (11213)
Frances Ricks

Flatbush 282-2017
22 Linden Blvd. nr. Flatbush Ave. (11226)
Johanna Spiess

Flatlands 252-6115
2065 Flatbush Ave. at Ave. P (11234)
Thomas Brannin

Fort Hamilton 745-5502
9424 Fourth Ave. at 95th St. (11209)
Dorothy Eckhaus

Gerritsen Beach 743-3040
2712 Gerritsen Ave. at Everett Ave. (11229)
Mollie Feir

Gravesend 376-9311
303 Ave. X nr. West 2nd St. (11223)
George Monsell

Greenpoint 383-6692
107 Norman Ave. at Leonard St. (11222)
Edna Chang

Highlawn 837-1700
1664 W. 13th St. at Kings Highway (11223)
Joan Neumann

Homecrest 645-2727
2525 Coney Island Ave. nr. Ave. V (11223)
Sylvia Glasser

Jamaica Bay 531-1602
9727 Sea View Ave. at E. 98th St. (11236)
Edward Jelen

Kensington 436-0525
410 Ditmas Ave. nr. E. 5th St. (11218)
Ruth Ramsey

Kings Bay 332-5656
3650 Nostrand Ave. nr. Ave. W (11229)
Anne Jourdan

Kings Highway 375-3037
2115 Ocean Ave. nr. Kings Highway (11229)
Irwin Nussbaum

Leonard 387-3800
81 Devoe St. at Leonard St. (11211)
Edna Chang

McKinley Park 748-5800
6802 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy. at 68th St. (11219)
Dorothy Eckhaus

Macon (Temporarily closed) 453-3333
361 Lewis Ave. at Macon St. (11233)
Lenore Rosenthal

Mapleton 232-0346
1702 60th St. at 17th Ave. (11204)
Dorothy Harris

Marcy 858-1828
617 DeKalb Ave. nr. Nostrand Ave. (11216)
Doris Lyda

Midwood 377-7972
975 E. 16th St. nr. Ave. J (11230)
James Byrns

Mill Basin 763-8700
2385 Ralph Ave. at Ave. N (11234)
Marilyn Chandler

New Lots 649-3700
665 New Lots Ave. at Barbey St. (11207)
Doris Gustafson

New Utrecht 236-4086
1743 86th St. at Bay 17th St. (11214)
Robert Ferrara

Pacific 638-5180
25 Fourth Ave. at Pacific St. (11217)
Marvin Longton

Paerdegat 763-4848
850 E. 59th St. nr. Flatlands Ave. (11234)
Marilyn Chandler

Park Slope 768-0593
431 Sixth Ave. at 9th St. (11215)
Johanna Spiess

Red Hook 875-4412
7 Wolcott St. at Dwight St. (11231)
Judith Susser

Rugby 345-9264
1000 Utica Ave. nr. Tilden Ave. (11203)
Sara Trolinger

Ryder 232-5064
5902 23rd Ave. at 59th St. (11204)
Joan Neumann

Saratoga 455-3078
8 Hopkinson Ave. at Macon St. (11233)
Lenore Rosenthal

Sheepshead Bay 743-0663
2636 E. 14th St. nr. Ave. Z (11235)
Sylvia Glasser

Stone Avenue 385-3737
581 Stone Ave. at Dumont Ave. (11212)
Betty Cartey

Sunset Park 439-8846
5108 Fourth Ave. at 51st St. (11220)
Loretta Uyehara

Ulmer Park 266-7373
2602 Bath Ave. at 26th Ave. (11214)
George Monsell

Walt Whitman 855-1508
93 St. Edwards St. at Auburn Pl. (11205)
Marvin Longton

Washington Irving 386-6212
360 Irving Ave. at Woodbine St. (11227)
Oliver Kirkpatrick

Williamsburgh 782-4600
240 Division Ave. at Marcy Ave. (11211)
Joel Silberstein

Windsor Terrace 853-7265
160 E. 5th St. at Ft. Hamilton Pkwy. (11218)
Loretta Uyehara

REGIONAL LIBRARY OFFICES

Brooklyn Heights 636-3293
c/o Brooklyn Heights Library
Jeanette Judkins, Regional Librarian
(Responsible for Brooklyn Heights, Bedford, Brower Park, Carroll Gardens, Clinton Hill, Marcy, Pacific, Red Hook, Walt Whitman)

New Utrecht 236-1760
c/o New Utrecht Library
John Gettys, Regional Librarian
(Responsible for New Utrecht, Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Dyker, Gravesend, Highlawn, Homecrest, Mapleton, Ryder, Sheepshead Bay, Ulmer Park)

Williamsburgh 782-4659
c/o Williamsburgh Library
Michael Bocamazo, Regional Librarian
(Responsible for Williamsburgh, Bushwick, DeKalb, Greenpoint, Jamaica Bay, Leonard, Macon, Saratoga, Washington Irving)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Bedford-Stuyvesant area
Natalia Davis
c/o Macon Library/638-4313

Red Hook-Cobble Hill area
Frederick John
c/o Pacific Library/638-5010

COORDINATOR OF OUTREACH SERVICES

Bessie L. Bullock
c/o New Lots Library/649-1360

JOB INFORMATION CENTER

Greta Maloney/Izabella Zager
c/o Central Library/636-3137

LEARN YOUR WAY

Susan Kaiser
c/o Central Library/636-3132

Vaughn Smith
c/o New Lots Library/649-3700

Elizabeth Lukacs
c/o New Utrecht Library/236-4086

READING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Richard Keller
c/o Brooklyn Heights Library/636-3297

SAGE (Service for the Aging)

Grace Shanahan
c/o Kings Highway Library/376-3577

Balance Sheet of the Brooklyn Public Library

As At June 30, 1977 (Cents Omitted)

ASSETS

CASH - in Banks and Imprest Fund		$1,286,698
RECEIVABLES		
Due from - City of New York	$ 374,027(A)	
- State of New York - N.Y.S.I.L.L.	2,246	
Bookmobile Service Trust — Model Cities	61,873	
Deposits, Claims Receivable, etc.	4,891	
TOTAL RECEIVABLES		443,037

INVESTMENTS	Market Value	Cost
Stocks	$ 797,225	$ 763,395
Bonds		
New York City	497,500	499,500
Other	601,500	599,774
Demand notes (Ford Motor Credit Co.)	72,000	72,000
	$1,171,000	$1,171,274

TOTAL INVESTMENTS	1,934,669
TOTAL ASSETS	$3,664,404

(A) Represents:

Outstanding warrants	$ 462,242
Less - Warrants approved and paid to vendors subsequent to June 30, 1977	143,391
Outstanding warrants	318,851
Add - Expenditures in current fiscal year in excess of City budget (Warrants submitted July 1977 and collected subsequently)	55,176
NET	$ 374,027

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

LIABILITIES		
Due New York City - Payroll advances	$ 600,000	
- Unexpended City appropriations	86,549	$ 686,549
Due State of New York - Re: L.S.C.A. Projects (Net)		133,463
Staff - Savings bonds	469	
- Union dues	4,858	
- Other	2,015	7,342
TOTAL LIABILITIES		827,354
FUNDS		
Trustees	$2,208,681	
Endowment	367,358	
Funds other than endowment	49,125	
David A. Boody Foundation	101,670	
Pay Collection	91,416	
Scholarship Fund of Brooklyn Public Library Staff Association	18,800	
TOTAL FUNDS		2,837,050
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS		$3,664,404

Board of Trustees of
Brooklyn Public Library
Grand Army Plaza
Brooklyn, New York 11238

Gentlemen:

We have examined the balance sheet of the Brooklyn Public Library as at June 30, 1977. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet presents fairly the financial position of the Brooklyn Public Library as at June 30, 1977, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

FLUHR, MASSEN & COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

New York, N.Y.
August 26, 1977

Statistics

Statistics are at best an incomplete barometer of library use, but in this statistical coverage the Library is attempting to convey the extent of the commitment of its staff and resources to a broad range of library service in Brooklyn.

HOURS OPEN WEEKLY: the number of hours each library was open to the public during an average week.
REGISTERED BORROWERS: the number of individuals with valid library cards issued at each library entitling them to borrow materials from any agency of the Brooklyn Public Library.
HOLDINGS: cataloged books, periodicals, micromaterials, records and cassettes.
CIRCULATION: borrowing of any holdings for use outside the library; each loan counts only as a single circulation unit: whether 50 people see a film, one person reads a book, or 200 appreciate a framed picture in a home or office.
REFERENCE INQUIRIES: informational questions asked at each library, either at an information or reference desk, by mail or over the telephone.
PROGRAMS: range from story sessions for pre-school children to dramatic presentations for adults; from crochet classes for young people to social security sessions for senior citizens; from film shows to street fairs; from visits to day care centers to visits to prisons.

July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

AGENCY	HOURS OPEN WEEKLY	REGISTERED BORROWERS	HOLDINGS	CIRCULATION	REFERENCE INQUIRIES	PROGRAMS NO.	PROGRAMS ATTENDANCE
Arlington (a)	17	6,102	14,807	42,068	10,711	27	668
Bay Ridge	38	15,319	40,794	199,173	30,670	173	4,624
Bedford (a)	13	6,661	18,759	22,427	5,820	44	816
Borough Park	42	18,536	72,274	296,989	102,511	107	2,419
Brighton Beach	32	13,176	33,265	191,886	67,118	145	3,057
Brooklyn Heights (c)	42	26,348	44,360	244,696	51,616	174	3,843
Brower Park (a)	19	5,746	14,484	35,272	7,021	52	1,220
Brownsville (a)	12	4,277	12,100	21,143	6,028	63	1,097
Bushwick (b)	32	4,743	20,070	53,268	9,039	58	2,187
Canarsie	31	12,190	27,501	136,042	33,532	71	1,236
Carroll Gardens (a)	19	5,455	31,864	47,312	13,818	19	571
Clarendon (a)	13	7,667	17,498	73,789	15,508	5	124
Clinton Hill (b)	40	9,971	25,577	79,447	33,607	375	7,846
Coney Island (a)	12	7,387	19,252	41,852	4,138	39	872
Crown Heights (a)	13	7,461	20,479	42,442	5,552	48	1,173
Cypress Hills (a)	12	2,897	9,530	18,833	5,641	27	440
DeKalb (b)	37	11,386	27,237	70,321	27,264	160	3,615
Dyker (a)	19	6,780	23,844	70,886	7,956	40	651
East Flatbush (a)	13	8,585	6,614	53,818	8,602	39	893
Eastern Parkway (a)	18	13,530	26,694	72,903	13,003	78	2,026
Flatbush (b)	27	16,553	34,321	130,749	37,931	25	497
Flatlands	35	14,938	36,798	260,531	58,243	66	1,626
Fort Hamilton (a)	19	7,715	20,870	88,241	13,973	156	2,302
Gerritsen Beach (d)	18	1,262	6,986	28,984	8,616	—	—
Gravesend (a)	13	7,078	26,831	81,810	9,234	49	1,006
Greenpoint (a)	19	8,104	20,472	72,845	4,855	60	1,151
Highlawn (b)	31	10,371	24,276	125,830	21,677	67	1,771
Homecrest (b)	31	5,137	26,054	100,604	24,852	41	575
Jamaica Bay (b)	30	8,081	28,319	135,473	27,663	88	2,527
Kensington (a)	19	9,001	28,115	128,232	18,257	52	1,329
Kings Bay	38	17,628	64,229	306,800	68,762	64	1,566
Kings Highway	42	20,881	75,297	323,044	77,777	65	1,490
Leonard (a)	13	4,737	13,812	25,401	2,651	57	920
L.W. 1&2 (e)	—	3,328	28,131	—	—	—	—
McKinley Park (a)	13	7,188	18,272	56,560	8,472	98	1,886
Macon (f)	—	2,996	14,951	—	—	—	—
Mapleton	36	12,317	38,303	209,266	46,006	113	2,719
Marcy (b)	35	8,599	14,190	28,322	9,526	99	3,453
Midwood	38	16,760	32,245	242,357	60,112	226	4,154
Mill Basin (a)	15	9,554	24,036	104,176	9,073	31	398
New Lots	39	13,080	16,859	72,146	16,954	153	3,701
New Utrecht	42	16,465	52,437	214,178	45,889	86	882
Pacific (b)	28	4,761	13,995	43,969	11,383	84	1,848
Paerdegat (a)	19	9,701	31,653	145,444	16,483	36	558
Park Slope (b)	27	11,148	40,314	93,203	26,423	91	2,323

AGENCY	HOURS OPEN WEEKLY	REGISTERED BORROWERS	HOLDINGS	CIRCULATION	REFERENCE INQUIRIES	PROGRAMS NO.	PROGRAMS ATTENDANCE
Red Hook (a)	13	5,702	14,159	24,712	6,326	13	507
Rugby (a)	23	9,232	25,868	73,030	11,399	58	1,655
Ryder (b)	31	5,686	20,862	93,623	17,002	89	2,338
Saratoga	31	10,096	10,149	54,297	16,100	88	1,517
Sheepshead Bay (b)	32	9,320	28,645	154,383	56,160	54	978
Stone Avenue (a)	16:30	6,998	8,518	35,562	6,225	63	1,216
Sunset Park (b)	25	12,552	23,671	95,080	22,213	108	2,782
Ulmer Park (a/g)	19	5,588	21,116	44,525	7,207	18	285
Van/Kiosk (h)	—	394	—	—	—	—	—
Walt Whitman (b)	30	4,609	17,088	22,166	3,510	4	41
Washington Irving (b)	31	7,827	13,166	37,056	5,137	46	1,369
Williamsburgh	40	11,140	44,175	109,652	18,969	154	5,728
Windsor Terrace (b)	30	5,496	24,033	66,563	6,673	38	1,140
BRANCH TOTAL	1,422:30	536,240	1,490,219	5,643,381	1,260,888	4,284	97,616
Central Library (i)	64	93,028	1,989,271	754,711	835,093	406	12,583
Business Library (j)	42	—	168,792	—	118,772	14	936
GRAND TOTAL	1,528:30	629,268	3,648,282	6,398,092	2,214,753	4,704	111,135
1975/76	1,929:00	679,534	3,720,839	7,321,514	2,386,700	5,325	118,549
Change	− 400:30	−50,266	−72,557	−923,422	−171,947	−621	−7,414
% of Change	−20.8	−7.4	−1.9	−12.6	−7.2	−11.7	−6.3

FOOTNOTES:

(a) "Pairing" of 24 libraries began July 6, 1976 as result of budget crisis; units involved closed two days for staff orientation.
(b) "Pairing" of 16 libraries began January 27, 1977 as result of budget crisis; units involved closed two days for staff orientation.
(c) Registered borrowers and circulation figures include Business Library; program figures include Reading Improvement Program statistics (see separate listing).
(d) Service reduced to three days a week July 6, 1976 as result of budget crisis.
(e) Service discontinued in 1975 due to budget crisis.
(f) Permanent building closed July 20, 1973 for rehabilitation; temporary quarters declared unsafe and closed June 1, 1976.
(g) Closed December 28, 1976 due to fire damage; reopened April 18, 1977.
(h) Service discontinued in 1975 due to budget crisis.
(i) See separate listing for holdings/circulation breakdown.
(j) Primarily a reference center for the business and student community. See separate listing for holdings breakdown.
— Due to budget situation, hours and days of service fluctuated during the year. Key reductions: 24 libraries were "paired" and service reduced at a 25th on July 6, 1976; 16 libraries were "paired" on January 27, 1977; each "paired" unit was closed two days for staff orientation. Increases: Saturday hours were restored to 15 libraries on October 9, 1976 (hours on this date used in chart above); expanded hours were phased in at the 40 "paired" libraries during April 1977. At lowest point during year (January 1977), total system-wide weekly hours were 1,273:30.
— Lack of heat, mechanical and equipment failures, local conditions, staff shortages and other emergency situations resulted in the loss of full or partial service at 40 libraries on 110 days.
— Because of extreme heat and humidity, the library lost 71:15 hours of service in July 1976; 135:30 hours in August 1976; 3:45 hours in September 1976 and 2:00 hours in June 1977.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

	Holdings	Circulation
Books (1)	1,315,516	684,586
Films & Film Strips (2)	3,303	19,662
Folders	74,852	7,902
Framed Pictures	488	233
Micromaterials:		
Microcards	92,822	
Microfiche	18,245	
Microfilms	29,321	
Microprints	434,608	
Records & Cassettes	17,300	41,976
Slides	2,816	352
TOTAL	1,989,271	754,711

(1) Includes books in Administration and Cataloging Department.
(2) Films and film strips borrowed were shown 44,598 times to audiences of 642,175, up 109.1% and 91.9% respectively over the past year.

BUSINESS LIBRARY

	Holdings
Books	90,645
Micromaterials:	
Microcards (1)	—
Microfiche	68,848
Microfilms	9,299
Microprints (1)	—
TOTAL	168,792

(1) Discontinued January 1977

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & SERVICES:

COMMUNITY COORDINATORS AND SENIOR CITIZENS:

Number of programs and meetings	785
Attendance	26,171
Registration	1,041
Circulation	10,556

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TELLERS:

Number of programs	4,151
Attendance	65,103
Registration	48
Circulation	31,702

READING IMPROVEMENT:

Number of sessions	109
Attendance	1,666

TELEPHONE REFERENCE SERVICE:

Central Library	26,137
Business Library	28,086

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Although the Brooklyn Public Library is supported chiefly by tax funds, it welcomes gifts or bequests from those interested in supporting its work. Under the Revenue Act of 1964 the deduction for charitable contributions was liberalized in regard to gifts to libraries.

A gift of money may be made in the following words: "I give and bequeath to the Brooklyn Public Library the sum of ..... dollars."

If the gift is of personal property other than money, the bequest may read as follows: "I give and bequeath to the Brooklyn Public Library (here describe the property) ..... ."

A gift of real property may be worded in this way: "I give and devise to the Brooklyn Public Library the following described real property (here describe the property) .... ."

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